

The background image is a photograph of a university campus in autumn. In the foreground, a large tree with vibrant orange and yellow leaves dominates the left side. A paved path leads from the bottom left towards the center. To the right, there is a modern, light-colored building with large windows. In front of the building, there is an outdoor seating area with several blue patio umbrellas and tall, slender light poles. A person is visible sitting at a table under one of the umbrellas. The ground is covered with fallen orange leaves. A dark blue banner is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing the text for the Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society.

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It was wonderful to reconnect with so many of you in person at the CSLS/JSP reception in Lisbon, Portugal. Our LSA reception capped a year of returning to in person programming at the Center. We welcomed visiting scholars back in person at CSLS, and returned to an in-person format for the Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Fellows program. For the speaker series we used a hybrid format, allowing for both in person and online participation which greatly expanded the reach of our talks. Even though the pandemic is still with us, we are thankful that improving conditions have allowed us to gather together once again.

This year also marked the launch of several new initiatives at CSLS to support graduate students, thanks to a generous gift from Dr. Frances S. Coles, a 1974 graduate of UC Berkeley's former criminology program. In spring 2022, CSLS awarded its first annual graduate student paper prize, which includes an award of \$1,000. The CSLS paper prize is awarded to a current Berkeley graduate student whose nominated paper best represents outstanding law and society research and addresses one or more of the Center's areas of scholarly focus: criminal justice, democracy and civil society, or inequality. CSLS received nominations for many excellent papers, and we are excited to award the first annual paper prize to Adriana Ramirez, a fifth-year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology, for her paper, *Navigating Multiple Citizenship: Young Return Migrants Negotiating Membership in Oaxaca, Mexico*. CSLS also awarded three inaugural summer research grants designed to assist graduate students who are pursuing independent research related to law and society. CSLS selected three recipients, each receiving a \$7,000 award. Our summer grant awardees were: Griffin Brunk, a fifth-year PhD student in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program; Cathy Hu, a fourth year PhD student in Sociology; and Eduardo Bautista Duran, a seventh year Jurisprudence and Social Policy PhD student. Awards are intended to allow for a period of time free from other work obligations during which the student will produce a substantive research product, such as a journal article, dissertation chapter, or similar research product, and submit it for evaluation. Finally, CSLS increased the amount of the Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

In the fall of 2021, our CSLS community came together in support of the UC Berkeley Human Rights Center crowdfunding campaign to help Afghan scholars at risk of violence and persecution leave Afghanistan. Our CSLS community donated over \$5,000 to support this campaign. We are grateful for your contributions.

As we begin another academic year, we are grateful for your ongoing commitment to CSLS and the law and society community. We look forward to another exciting year ahead with even more opportunities to engage in person. To stay up-to-date on current events and offerings, please make sure you are subscribed to the [CSLS mailing list](#). Wishing you all the best!

Warmly,

KT Albiston & Pamela Erickson
Faculty Director & Executive Director

CSLS 2021-22 Speaker Series

CSLS offers a weekly speaker series on topics related to our three pillars: criminal justice, inequality, and democracy and civil society. In addition, we often cosponsor talks with other Berkeley Centers and Institutes, including the Center for Race and Gender, the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Racial Justice, and the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative among others. The CSLS' weekly speaker series this year featured over 20 speakers who gave talks on their empirically-based research. Visit our [website](#) to see a full list of our featured speakers and their topics. Many of the talks were recorded and can be viewed at your convenience.

In April of 2022, CSLS hosted the Sixth Annual Robert A. Kagan Lecture in Law and Regulation. The lecture featured Timothy D. Lytton, Associate Dean for Research & Faculty Development; Distinguished University Professor & Professor of Law at Georgia State University. Professor Lytton spoke on "Confronting Deep Uncertainty in Regulatory Science: Contaminated Lettuce and the Elusive Quest for Food Safety". Professors Edward L. Rubin, University Professor of Law and Political Science, Vanderbilt University Law School and David J. Vogel, Professor of The Graduate School; Soloman P. Lee Chair Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Business Ethics; Professor Emeritus, Political Science Department and Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley provided comments.



Osagie K. Obasogie, Haas Distinguished Chair, Professor of Law, and Professor of Bioethics, UC Berkeley & Peyton Provenzano, J.D/Ph.D. Student, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Berkeley Law present on "Race, Racism, and Police Use of Force in 21st Century Criminology: An Empirical Examination"

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2021-2022 BELS Fellows

BELS Fellows

In the fall of 2021, CSLS welcomed a new class of Berkeley graduate students to the Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Fellows program, which returned to an in-person format for the 2021-22 academic year. Nine fellows from a variety of disciplines shared their graduate work and received feedback on their research. The BELS Fellow program is open to UC Berkeley doctoral, JD, and JSD students engaged in theoretically informed, empirical research projects that investigate the origins, dynamics, and/or consequences of law and law-related social institutions. CSLS will have 11 fellows participating in the program this year. You can learn more about these fellows [here](#).



Visiting Scholars

CSLS hosted 7 visiting scholars, many of whom had postponed their visits because of the pandemic. Visiting scholars gave presentations on their current research and received feedback from members of the CSLS/Berkeley Law community. We look forward to hosting additional visiting scholars in the fall and spring semester this coming year. Our application cycle for new applicants for the 2023-24 academic year opens in fall 2022. To learn more please visit our [website](#).

CSLS Paper Prize Winner & Summer Research Fellowship Winners

CSLS Paper Prize Winner



Adriana P. Ramirez is a fifth-year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at UC Berkeley. Her research interests lie at the intersection of migration, citizenship, Latin America, political sociology, race and ethnicity, and youth. The influence of growing up as a migrant student between Mexico and the U.S. and being the daughter of farmworkers is seen in her work that explores transnational migration dynamics. Her current work explores what happens when young migrants leave the U.S. to “return” to their sending communities, and the impact of migration on the “sending communities.”



Cathy Hu is a rising fourth year PhD student in Sociology at UC Berkeley whose work sits at the intersection of punishment and society and law and social movements. She is currently conducting an ethnographic and interview study that explores the criminal court as a new site of social movement contestation over the values of criminal justice. Prior to coming to Berkeley, Cathy worked as a research analyst at the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center and received her BA in Sociology from Rice University.

Summer Research Fellowship Winners



Griffin Brunk is a fifth-year PhD student in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program at Berkeley Law. His work focuses on the history of slavery and coerced labor from Ratification to the modern prison system (leaning antebellum). Griffin is currently working on his dissertation, which will use lenses from the Ottoman Empire to better highlight enslaved persons' independence within bondage. He is also an aspiring appellate defender, with a keen interest in prisoners' rights, contesting forensic evidence, and covert surveillance tactics.



Eduardo Bautista Duran is a PhD candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy at Berkeley Law. Originally from Michoacán, Mexico, Eduardo was raised in East San Jose, California. His work focuses on the development of police forces in early statehood California, particularly in Gold Rush-era San Francisco. This genealogical approach is designed to capture the rise of policing and other criminal justice institutions as California entered statehood and as San Francisco underwent an explosive transition from a bayside settlement to an international urban hub. In studying a period of intense social transformation, his research highlights the breaks and continuities with the emerging racial logics of the 19th century and to assess how they shaped the modernization and professionalization of policing.

Honors and Awards for CSLS Scholars



CSLS congratulates



Congratulations to JSP Professor **Malcolm Feeley**, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association.



Congratulations to JSP Professor **Lauren Edelman**, who was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Congratulations to JSP Professor **Osagie K. Obasogie**, who was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.



Congratulations to JSP Professor **Cal Morrill**, who received the LSA Stan Wheeler Mentorship Award.

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