Past Distinguished Professors

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Dr. Bridget J. Crawford

Bridget J. Crawford is a professor at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Prior to joining the Haub Law faculty in 2003, she was a practicing attorney at Milbank LLP, where she specialized in taxation and estate planning.

Professor Crawford is a graduate of Yale College (BA), the University of Pennsylvania School of Law (JD), and Griffith University (PhD) in Brisbane, Australia. At Pace, she teaches courses in taxation, trusts and estates, corporations and partnerships, and feminist legal theory. She is one of 26 professors profiled in the book What the Best Law Teachers Do (Schwartz et al., 2013). Her published work includes seven books and more than 100 articles, including The Unconstitutional Tampon Tax, 53 U. Rich. L. Rev. 439 (2019), co-authored with Haub Law Professor Emily Gold Waldman.

Professor Crawford has been honored multiple times by graduating students at Haub Law as Outstanding Professor of the Year. She also is a prior recipient of Haub Law’s Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Goettel Prize for faculty scholarship, and the Ottinger Prize for Faculty Achievement.

Dr. Iride Lamartina-Lens

Iride Lamartina-Lens is the professor of Spanish language, literature, culture and translation in Dyson College’s Department of Modern Languages on the New York City campus. She received a BA from Brooklyn College and MA and PhD from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She is a 2003 recipient of the Kenan Award for Teaching Excellence, and the first editor outside of Spain to be awarded the prestigious Premio a la Mejor Labor Editorial (Award for Best Editor 2015) by the Dramatists Guild of Spain (AAT), for the annual drama translation series, Estreno Contemporary Spanish Plays.
Professor Lamartina-Lens has an established national and international reputation as a scholar and translator of contemporary theater of Spain. She has published numerous articles in the field, co-authored several critical Spanish theater anthologies that are widely used in academic courses throughout the nation, and contributed a substantial number of book chapters, encyclopedia entries, prologues, and introductions included in academic manuscripts or anthologies on contemporary Spanish theater. Many of her translations have been published and, more importantly, staged at commercial and university venues both in the United States and abroad, including in South Korea and India.

Since her arrival at Pace in 1984, Professor Lamartina-Lens has been a teacher and scholar intent on linking classroom learning of foreign language with scholarship, and on cultural and linguistic immersion. She has taught and organized more than 20 faculty-led Pace study abroad courses throughout Europe and Latin America and mentored undergraduate language students to translate and publish theatrical texts.

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Professor Bennett L. Gershman

Professor Bennett L. Gershman has been a professor of law at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law since its founding as the Pace Law School in 1976. Prior to coming to Pace, Professor Gershman was a prosecutor in the New York State Anti-Corruption Office, where he argued cases in state and federal courts involving public and political officials charged with corruption.

Professor Gershman has written four books, over 75 articles in law journals, and hundreds of book reviews, essays, and op-ed pieces. His treatise, Prosecutorial Misconduct, initially published in 1985 and now in its 2nd edition, has become a preeminent resource for scholars and practitioners seeking guidance on wrongful convictions.

As a leading authority in the country on prosecutorial misconduct, Professor Gershman is continuously called upon by the news media for his expertise. He is routinely quoted by the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, and The Wall Street Journal, as well as by a host of local publications. He has served as an expert witness on prosecutorial misconduct in numerous criminal cases. He also has devoted much of his time to training prosecutors and judges.

Attesting to his teaching effectiveness, Professor Gershman has received the Outstanding Professor of the Year award from graduating students eight times in the past 20 years. His sensitivity to the student experience is evidenced by his book, The Law School Experience: Law, Legal Reasoning and Lawyering (2000; co-authored with Lissa Griffin), which seeks to demystify
the experience of being a law student. Registration for his 99-seat class on Constitutional Law, Evidence, and Criminal Procedure often closes quickly.

**Dr. Eric H. Kessler**

Professor Eric H. Kessler is the Henry George Scholar and Professor in the management and management science department in the Lubin School of Business on the New York City Campus. Dr. Kessler is an internationally recognized authority on organization management and global leadership. As a management researcher, he is the worldwide General Editor of the *Encyclopedia of Management Theory* and Choice book award winner who has published six critically acclaimed books that have sold in 70+ countries, including the new title, *Wise Leadership: A Toolbox for Sustainable Success*. He also has over 120 combined academic papers and presentations that have earned numerous awards and appeared in many of the field’s top outlets.

He is a Kenan Teaching Excellence Award winner, Lubin Faculty Council Chair, a Jefferson Foundation Medal for Public Service winner, Lubin Faculty Council Chair, and founding Lubin Business Honors Program Director who has pioneered innovative curriculum development, led several international field-studies, was Beta Gamma Sigma Advisor, and mentored many academic theses and over 300 community service projects. In his nearly 25 years of instructing 4,000+ students, he has received the highest levels of feedback in undergraduate, masters, doctoral, executive, and corporate education programs. One student note kept on his desk reads: “Thanks for inspiring me. Thanks for believing in me. Thanks for being a life-changing professor.”

As a management leader, he has received a Fulbright Specialist Grant and EU Erasmus Grant, served on editorial boards including the prestigious Academy of Management Review, is a past president and fellow of the Eastern Academy of Management, consulted with organizations across a broad range of industries, and has been appointed to prominent panels including the United States National Security Education Program and the Fulbright National Screening Committee. He was also named a Faculty Fellow by the Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship, is a founding co-editor of the Lubin Business Review, is quoted in popular media publications, and has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as well as honorary societies in business, forensics, economics, and psychology.
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Dr. Joseph C. Morreale

Dr. Morreale has been a professor of economics and public administration at Dyson College of Arts and Sciences and an academic administrator at Pace University for 29 years. He received an MA and PhD in Economics from the University at Buffalo, SUNY, and an MS in Higher Education Administration and Finance from the University at Albany, SUNY.

Dr. Morreale has been an active researcher with wide-ranging scholarly experience in public finance and administration, health care economics, environmental economics, faculty development and evaluation, and program development in higher education. He has authored six books, numerous book chapters, and peer-reviewed articles, the most significant of which is a three-volume work on enhancing senior faculty vitality and post-tenure review, which gained national recognition.

Dr. Morreale has held positions as provost, senior associate provost, vice president, associate vice president, vice provost, division chair, and department chair. He negotiated and brought to Pace University Inside the Actor's Studio, followed by the MFA program in Acting, Directing and Playwriting. He also brought to Pace the first NYC-based Confucius Institute, increasing Pace’s international reputation and creating faculty, staff, and student exchanges and joint programs with Chinese universities, and negotiated the establishment of the Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship.

Professor Morreale has taught at the graduate and undergraduate levels in Economics, Masters in Public Administration, Pforzheimer Honors College, and business degree programs. Through a senior capstone research course, he created an atmosphere of intellectual curiosity helping the Pace University Federal Reserve Challenge Team capture championship titles three times (2014, 2015, 2017).

Professor Morreale holds a strong belief in giving back and was elected Town Councilman in his home town of Mount Kisco in Westchester, NY, and served on the Town Planning Board for 12 years. More recently, he was elected to the Executive Board of the International Atlantic Economic Society.
Dr. Kam Chan

Professor Kam Chan is a professor of accounting in the Lubin School of Business on the Pleasantville Campus. He received his PhD with a major in accounting and a minor in finance from the University of South Carolina. He joined Pace in 1997 and has received department and school teaching awards as well as Pace's Kenan Award for Teaching Excellence in 2014. Professor Chan has published in premier research journals such as Accounting, Organizations, and Society; Auditing: A Journal of Practice and Theory; Journal of Accounting and Economics; Journal of Business Finance and Accounting; and Journal of International Accounting Research. His research has been abstracted, reprinted, and highly cited by others, including the Securities and Exchange Commission. He was the Ernst and Young Scholar at Pace University from 2000 to 2003 and from 2009 to 2015. Based on reports by the American Accounting Association in 2011 and 2018, he was ranked as one of the top 100 most prolific researchers in accounting information systems and as the top 23rd researcher in accounting information systems in terms of the impact of his published work.

He is passionately committed to high-quality teaching and his students’ intellectual growth. Some New York City students even choose to travel to Pleasantville in order to take his classes.

Professor Chan takes an active role in providing various services to the Pace and academic communities and has received the Outstanding Reviewer Award from the Emerald Literati Network in 2016.

Dr. Rosario (Roy) Girasa

Professor Rosario (Roy) Girasa has been a professor of law in the Lubin School of Business on the Pleasantville Campus since 1980. Professor Girasa holds four degrees: a BS and PhD from Fordham University, an MLA from Johns Hopkins University, and a JD from New York University School of Law.

He formerly was a practicing attorney engaged in trial work in New York City and was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court. He served as a Captain in the US Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps from 1962–1966 and served as counsel to Senator Olga Mendez, the first Puerto Rican woman to serve in a legislature in the US.

Professor Girasa is the author of five published texts and 130 articles. His books include the textbook and manual Cyberlaw: National and International Perspectives; Corporate Governance and the Law of Finance; Laws and Regulations in Global Financial Markets;
Professor Girasa’s dedication to his students is notable, as is the range of courses he has developed and taught for both graduate and undergraduate students in the Department of Legal Studies and Taxation. He has served as the pre-law advisor for the Pleasantville Campus for many years. He has been given four awards by his department for teaching, service, and publication, was a 2002 recipient of the University’s Kenan Award for Teaching Excellence, and received the Pro Bono Award from the Rockland County Bar Association.