

**DANA NEACSU**  
**Associate Professor of Legal Research Skills**  
**Director DCLI & ACLL**

**EDUCATION**

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*The State University of New Jersey - Ph.D* New Brunswick, NJ  
 Thesis - [\*Political Satire and Political News: Entertaining, Accidentally Reporting or Both? The Case of the Daily Show with Jon Stewart \(TDS\)\*](#)  
 CUNY, *M.L.S.* Thesis - *Gender-Based Persecution as a Basis for Asylum* New York City, NY  
 Harvard Law School. *LLM* Thesis – [\*An Eco-esc Pendulum of Copyright\*](#) Cambridge, MA  
 Ecole de Droit et des Etudes Politiques *D.E.A. Thesis on Moral Rights* Caen, France  
 Universitatea Bucuresti, Facultatea de Drept, *LLB.* Thesis on Statutes of Limitations Bucharest, Romania

**COURSES & SEMINARS TAUGHT**

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Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Research, Writing, & Analysis (Duquesne University School of Law, 2021-present)  
[COCICC1102](#) Contemporary Civilization (Columbia University, 2021 – present)  
[EESC-BC3040](#) Environmental Law and Policy (Barnard College, 2003 - 2021)  
[American Governance: Law and Practice in the Anthropocene](#) (Elective BA-level) (Universitatea Bucuresti, Faculty of Political Science, 2020-21)  
[L6561 LL.M.](#) Legal Research and Writing (Columbia Law School, 2005 – 2020)  
[L6115-LEC](#) Legal Practice Workshop I (Columbia Law School, 2005 – 2020)  
 CLS: Legal Research (Amsterdam, Columbia Law School - Summer School, 2005)  
 Introduction to Civil Law (seminar setting-- introduction to legal theory, Roman law, contracts, property, and torts) (Universitatea Bucuresti, School of Law, 1991-1994)

**EMPLOYMENT**

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2021-	Associate Professor of Legal Research Skills, Duquesne University, School of Law	Pittsburgh, PA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Research, Writing, &amp; Analysis Duquesne University School of Law, 2021-present</li> <li>• Independent research -LLM</li> </ul>	
2000- 2021	Columbia Law School, Librarian & Lecturer-in-Law	New York City, NY

- [L6561 LL.M.](#) Legal Research and Writing (Columbia Law School, 2005 – 2020)
- [L6115-LEC](#) Legal Practice Workshop I (Columbia Law School, 2005 – 2020)
- Semester-long research workshops:
  - [Interdisciplinary Research \(14 weekly workshops; co-taught with CU and Barnard librarians\), Spring 2015-2018;](#)
  - [Weekly Tips in Case Law Research, Fall 2015-2018;](#)
  - [Legal Research – Statutory, Regulatory, Case law and Derivative Research \( co-taught with Sidley Austin counsel\), Fall 2019;](#)

2003- present      Barnard College      New York, NY  
                          [Adjunct Professor in Environmental Science](#)

Teaching environmental law, policy and research to 20-30 students twice a week (Spring semester) using my own book, [“Introduction to U.S. law, policy, and research : an environmental perspective;”](#) Mentoring students; conference presentations; promoting and preserving online presence (course [companion](#); [blog](#); [guest episodes](#) on Barnard podcast).

1998-2000      New York City Corporation Counsel’s Office      New York, NY  
                          *Assistant Corporation Counsel*

Duties included litigating §1983 civil rights litigation in federal courts (SDNY) ([civil rights and prisoner rights litigation; 100% win](#)); document discovery production in asbestos litigation.

1997-1998      Bickel & Brewer      New York, NY  
                          *Associate Attorney*

Duties included researching viable claims to pursue in CERCLA litigation; document discovery, and NY federal and state court motion appearances.

1996      Forced Migration Project, Open Society      New York City  
                          *Consultant* (working with the late Arthur Helton)

1990-1994      Bucharest University, Facultatea de Drept      Bucharest, Romania  
                          *Assistant Professor*

Duties included seminar teaching the 1L students (~200) *Introduction to Civil Law*, complementing the weekly lecture of Professor Gheorghe Beileu, offering an introduction to legal philosophy, Roman law, and private law: contract, property, and torts.

1990- 1992      Institutul de Cercetari Juridice, Romanian Academy      Bucharest, Romania  
                          *Researcher*

Duties included working in the environmental law department and producing reports on the land privatization reform taking place in Romania at that time.

1989- 1990      Campulung Muscel, Trial Court      Campulung Muscel,  
                          *Trial Judge in Training* (Family, Civil, and Criminal court duties)      Romania

## REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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Here is a list of publications with full text:

*Books/Book Chapters (Selective scholarship):*

[https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=hzl1\\_3UAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=hzl1_3UAAAAJ&hl=en)

Katharina Pistor, CODUL CAPITALULUI: CUM DREPTUL CREEAZĂ BOGĂȚIE ȘI INEGALITATE (Dana Neacșu & Radu Rizoiu) (Editura Hamangiu) (forthcoming 2021)

[THE BOURGEOIS CHARM OF MARX'S WRITINGS AND THE IDEOLOGICAL IRONY OF AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE](#) (Brill, 2020).

[INTRODUCTION TO US LAW, POLICY & RESEARCH. AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE](#) (Vandeplas Publishing, 2019). (Co-author: P. Bower).

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITIES, AND THE LAW: A RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY (Dana Neacșu & David B. Holt, eds-in-chief.), (Hein, 2018).

*Journal Articles (Selective scholarship):*

Impact of law scholarship according to HeinOnline: Cited by articles: 99, Accessed (past 12 months): 167; Average citation/article: 5.51
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The Aesthetic Ideology of Juliana v. United States and Its Impact on Environmentally Engaged Citizenship. 2021. (submitted to the peer reviewed JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SCIENCES)

The Epistemic Value of Libraries: An Ecologic and Holistic Analysis (with Paul Calister) 2021. (submitted to the peer reviewed LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL)

[Academic scholarship: Communication, publishing, and ranking](#) (with James M. Donovan) 2020. 49(4) JOURNAL OF LAW AND EDUCATION.

[Technology, alienation and the future of litigation-based social change.](#) 2014. 24 TEMPLE POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAW REVIEW, 155-183.

[The many texts of the law.](#) (with Michael H. Davis) 2014. 3 BRITISH JOURNAL OF AMERICAN LEGAL STUDIES, 481-505.

New York Grand Juries: Rubber Stamp of ADA's Requests? 2013. 49 CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN, 207-17.

The red booklet on feminist equality. Instead of a manifesto. 2013. 30 THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAW REPORTER, 106-183.

[A Brief Critique of the Emaciated State and Its Reliance on Non-Governmental Organizations to Provide Social Services](#) 2006. 9 N.Y. City L. Rev. 405-428.

[Romania, Bulgaria, the United States and the European Union: The Rules of Empowerment at the Outskirts of Europe.](#) 2005. 30 BROOKLYN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, 185-204.

[The wrongful rejection of big theory \(Marxism\) by feminism and queer theory: A brief debate.](#) 2005. 34 CAPITAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, 125-151.

[The political value of knowledge and the elite schools' curricula. To ignore or not to ignore Marxism?](#) 2005. 82 UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW REVIEW, 219-252.

[CLS Stands for Critical Legal Studies, If Anyone Remembers.](#) 2000. 8 JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLICY 415-53. (Referenced in [Critical Legal Studies](#), *in* WIKIPEDIA.)

[Concert of Action by Substantial Assistance: Whatever happened to Unconscious Aiding and Abetting?](#) 1999. 16 Touro LAW REVIEW, 25-44.

[Videopirateria. O posibila abordare teoretica si practica a fenomenului. Propuneri de solutionare. 1993.](#) 6 REVISTA DE DREPT COMMERCIAL.

*Selective Book Reviews (last year):*

[The Code of Capital. How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality.](#) Pistor, Katharina. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-69118-943-7 UK £29.95. 2019. 47(Winter), INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION, 199–200.

[Il etait une fois! Analyse juridique des contes de fees, Marine Ranouil and Nicolas Dissaux, Eds.](#) Paris: Dalloz, 2018. ISBN: 978-2-247-16837-8. UK £39.00. 2019. 47(Winter), INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION, 198–199.

[Troubling transparency: The history and future of freedom of information.](#) Edited by David E. Pozen and Michael Schudson. New York: Columbia University Press, 2018. 2019. 47 (Summer), INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION, 121–122.

(Pozen replied in [Seeing Transparency More Clearly](#). 2019. 80 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REVIEW 326–331).

*Journalism (Selective)*

[My First Juneteeth.](#) June 20, 2020. *In* ARK REPUBLIC.

[George Floyd Protests and Black Lives Matter Roundtable \(II\)](#) for ARK REPUBLIC. June 14, 2020.

[De dincolo de Statuia Libertății / Beyond the Statue of Liberty](#) (Sunday column for [Gazeta Dâmboviței](#))

[No Easy Answers.](#) April 3, 2011. *In* NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW 6.

[Pay and Pay for Oil,](#) May 12, 1997. *In* THE NEW YORK TIMES, Section A, Page 14.

SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2021- ABA Site Visit Committee – Duquesne University, School of Law
- 2021- Diversity Committee – Duquesne University, School of Law
- 2010- 21 University Senate, Non- Senator, Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Senate
- Elections Commission
  - November 2018, March 2021, Parliamentarian
- 2014-2016 Council of Columbia Library and Information Professional Council, Columbia University
- Sept. 2015 [Interview with the CU Librarian & Vice Provost, Ann Thornton](#))
- 2000- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect, Social Responsibility (SR-SIS), 2016/18
  - Chair, Education Committee, SR-SIS, AALL, 2016/18
- 2000-08 American Bar Association, International Law and Practice Section (ABA)
- 2001. International Legal Developments in Review:2000. Immigration and Nationality. 35(2) The INTERNATIONAL LAWYER 743-760 (with Robert Charles Hill
- 1997- Association of the Bar of the City of New York (ABCNY), New York, N.Y.
- 2019- Environmental Law Committee
  - 2019-20 Education Committee
  - 2005-2008. European Affairs Committee.
  - 2002-2005. Human Rights Committee;
  - 1997-2000. Sex and Law Committee,: Program co-organizer: WE ARE FAMILY: Addressing Problems Facing Same-Sex Bi- National Couples Under United States Immigration Law – Association of the Bar of the City of New York, "Sex and Law Committee," NY.

**GUEST LECTURES**

- 11/2/21; Graduate Seminar, “Experiential Media,” Department of Journalism & Media
- 10/9/18 Studies, SCI-New Brunswick, The State University of New Jersey (Professor John V. Pavlik, Ph.D.)
- 10/30/20- [Introduction to American Jurisprudence: A Romanian perspective](#) –Six lectures *in memoriam* 12/6/20  
Prof. Gheorghe Belei (Universitatea Bucuresti, School of Law, Fall, 2020)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

2021 Comment to Notice of proposed rulemaking. 86 FR 35, Docket No.: 201207-0327 (with Peter Arno, PhD); ID NIST-2021-0001-648 (to the “Rights to Federally Funded Inventions and Licensing of Government Owned Inventions,” National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce, argued that the proposed rule 37 C.F.R. §401.6.e would eliminate the requirement to make drugs reasonably available to the public, which is enshrined in current law. This would increase the financial burdens on all Americans, increase health disparities, and it would also harm the public’s health and enhance the power of unchecked monopolies.)  
<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/NIST-2021-0001-6485>

## VOLUNTEER WORK

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- 2021- [DuqLaw Book Club](#);
- 2020- [Book Club](#) -open to CLS, CU, Barnard and Bucuresti students, faculty, staff)
- 2016- Member, Social Justice Interest Discussion Group, Columbia University, NY
- 2017 Volunteer, The Roma People's Project, Columbia University, NY
- 2008/10 Faculty Mentoring Program, Columbia Law School, NY Women's International Leadership Program, International House, New York, NY
- 1995/96 Volunteer, Law and Development Program for Legal Advocacy Training Program, Israel/Palestine Center for Legal Research and Information (IPCLRI- USA, NGO), Jerusalem, Israel; acting as liaison between Palestinian and Israeli lawyers during various working meetings due to my legal education and legal practice background in Romanian/Soviet-influenced law, French/EU-law and Harvard legal education.

## CONFERENCES AND OTHER PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (Selective)

International Conference of Information, Medium, and Society. "[Theorizing Information Environments and Their Relationship to Law and Society](#)" July 10, 2021 (with Paul Callister) (via Zoom)

Conferinta Internationala Gheorghe Beleiu, "[Perspective asupra responsibilitatii precontractuale in dreptul american:teorie si practica](#)" (2<sup>nd</sup> ed, Bucuresti, May 20-21, 2021) (via Zoom)

"[Teaching Students. Teaching with Students. Creating Opportunities to Change the World.](#)" (grant presentation; student work: <https://barnardsabin.org/>) CUNY Conference on Climate Change Education (C4E) April 21-22, 2021

"Teaching Environmental Activism through Law, Policy, and Research - The Barnard Experience" (poster with Alice Lampert, '21 – submission accepted) 2020 Environmental Advocacy Symposium, Pace University, June 10, 2020.

"[Dana Neacsu on Marx, Ideological Irony and American Jurisprudence.](#)" Interview with Camelia Raghinaru. *Theory to No End*. Podcast, June 5, 2020.

**CONFERENCES AND OTHER PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (Continue)**

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Western Political Science Association - Panel 3.4 – Democratic Imaginaries in the Anthropocene?, “Ideology, Citizenship, and the Making of Ecological Activists: The Case of *Juliana v. United States*,” May 23, 2020.

Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference – “Does Democracy in the Age of Irony and Digital Communities Breed Mutual Aid,” New York, NY. February 15-16, 2020.

Boulder Conference, “Integrating Academic Law Libraries into Legal Scholarly Publishing-Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship and Teaching” Washington, D.C., July 11-12, 2019.

Telos - Paul Piccone Institute & the School of Political Science - University of Haifa - Conference: Asymmetry, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Abrahamic Peace, “Imagining the Peace We Want. The Intersection of Cultural & Legal Narratives.” (Skype presentation), November 7, 2018.

The 43rd CSA Conference, “Visualizing Ideological Identity: The Emoticon as the Message, La Habana,” Cuba, June 4-6, 2018.

Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference – “The Irony behind the Discrete Legal Charm of Marx's Writings,” New York, NY. February 28, 2018.

The Heyman Center, The Roma People's Project at Columbia University, “From Gypsy Stereotypes to Roma Reality and Aspirations,” New York, Nov. 14, 2017.

Global Legal Skills Conference XII, “[Preparing LLMs in Advance for Academic and Legal Research](#),” Monterey, Mexico, March 20-21, 2017 (with Aslihan Bulut).

Shaping the Future Conference, William & Mary Law. Panelist: “What's Next?: The Future of Content - Law Repositories,” Williamsburg, VA, March 30-31, 2015.

Dag Hammarskjöld Library, The Launch of the 2010 Yearbook of the United Nations, the Department of Public Information Yearbook Unit, Invited Speaker, December 15, 2014, New York, NY.

Law, Culture, Critique - Osgoode G.S. Forum, “Law, Culture and Technology: On Law's Elusive and Tangible Nature,” York University, Toronto, Canada, May 10-11, 2013.

16th Annual Philosophy Conference, “Social Justice and the Online Alienation, or Recipes for a New Vocabulary of Common Good,” Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, February 12, 2011.

Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association, “Of Flamers, and Lurkers and Trolls: The Daily Show and Its Online Audience,” - Alexandria, VA. Oct., 2010.

Eastern Communication Association Conference, “The Audience Is the Message,” Baltimore, MD. Apr., 2010.

ISA's 50th Annual Convention “Exploring the Past, Anticipating the Future,” (GLOBALIZATION: A POSTMODERN EVENT OR THOUGHT?). New York City, February 15-18, 2009

International Conf. Bowling Green St. Univ., "The media and war propaganda: Has the role of the media remained unchanged? Media, War and Conflict-Resolution," Bowling Green, OH, Sep., 2008.

Discussant, Law and Society Association, "Feminism and the Human Rights Discourse on Vulnerability: Where Does Economic Vulnerability Fit In?" Montreal, Quebec, Canada May 29 - June 1, 2008

Canadian Association for Information Science/L'Association canadienne des sciences de l'information (CAIS/ACSI): Information beyond borders: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada June 5-7, 2008

Feminism and Legal Project Theory, Emory School of Law: Searching for New Paradigms? Understanding Class and Caste within a World of Global Inequalities (Paper: "ME TALK PRETTY ONE DAY:" SOCIAL CLASS, SOCIOECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WHY IT ALL MATTERS), Atlanta, May 4-5, 2007

International Studies Association 2007 Conference, Panel, The Role of the State in Protecting Women's Rights: Looking Back and Planning Forward. (Paper: A FEMINIST CRITIQUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS) Chicago, CA, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>-March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

NYC Law Review Symposium CUNY School of Law, Symposium on Non-Profit Organizations, (Paper: A BRIEF CRITIQUE OF THE EMACIATED STATE AND ITS RELIANCE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES), New York, NY, March 3, 2006,

International Studies Association 2006 Conference, -- Panel, The North-South Divide and International Law. (Paper: DEBATING THE RULE OF LAW AND ITS GLOBAL IMPACT), San Diego, CA, March 22-25, 2006

Feminism and Legal Project Theory, Emory School of Law, Feminist and Queer Legal Theory-- Convergences and Departures: An Uncomfortable Conversation, Paper: THE WRONGFUL REJECTION OF BIG THEORY (MARXISM) BY FEMINISM AND QUEER THEORY: A BRIEF DEBATE), Atlanta, GA, April 29-30, 2005

International Studies Association 2004 Conference, Hegemony and Its Discontents. (Paper: THE IMPACT OF US FOREIGN RELATIONS ON THE FORMER SOVIET SATELLITE COUNTRIES: IS THERE A CHOICE BETWEEN NATO AND THE EUROPEAN UNION?) Montréal, CA, March 17-20, 2004

International Studies Association 2002 Conference, Dissolving Boundaries: The Nexus between Comparative Politics and International Relations. (Paper: INFLICTING SEXUAL RESTRAINT ABROAD) New Orleans, LA (March 23-26, 2002)

Co-Author and Moderator, Critical Legal Studies Conference, INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL FLOWS AND CULTURAL BORDERS, Washington, D.C. (March 1995)

Member, Panel, Constitutional Law Study and Research Group, University of Aix-Marseille III, France (Paper on Romanian Political Parties) (September 1993)



## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Association of Law Libraries

- Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section
  - Vice-Chair(2017)
  - Chair(2018)
  - Past-Chair (2019)
- ALLStAR Advisory Board

(2018/20) Association of the Bar of the

City of New York

ACRL/LPSS Communication and Publications Committee Member

*Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)*

Library Association of the Greater New York (LAGNY)

New York State Bar

The Telos-Paul Piccone Institute, Inc.

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)- The Environmental Political Theory (EPT)

LANGUAGES:

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*Romanian (native), English (native-like), French (fluent), Italian, Latin (poetry reading), Hebrew (katizat)*