Hawai`i Summer Law Program 2019 Faculty Profiles

Administrative Law
Steve Gold

Steven Gold is an Environmental Law Program’s 2019 Distinguished Scholar in Residence visiting from Rutgers University School of Law. He is an environmental lawyer with extensive litigation experience. He focuses his scholarship on toxic torts and hazardous substance regulation and cleanup. Before joining the law school, he was senior attorney in the Environmental Enforcement Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. A former articles editor of the Yale Law Journal, he clerked for U.S. District Judge Raymond J. Dearie of New York after graduating from Yale Law School.

Advanced Environmental Law IUCN Workshop
Denise Antolini

Professor Denise E. Antolini has served as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs since 2011. She joined the Law School faculty in 1996 and directed the nationally recognized Environmental Law Program for several years. Her courses have included torts, environmental law, environmental litigation, domestic ocean and coastal law, and legal writing. She received the 2006 University of Hawai`i Board of Regents’ Excellence in Teaching Medal. She served as Chair of the American Association of Law School’s Environmental Law Section and, from 2005 until 2008, was on the ABA’s Standing Committee on Environmental Law.

Environmental Justice
Uma Outka

Uma Outka is an Environmental Law Program’s 2019 Distinguished Scholar in Residence, visiting from the University of Kansas School of Law. Her research and scholarship explore the intersection between environmental law and energy law, with a focus on the transition to a low-carbon electricity sector and environmental justice. In 2018, Outka was honored as the 2018 Stegner Young Scholar by the Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment (Utah). In 2015, she received KU’s Sustainability Leadership Faculty Award and was selected by the student body in 2013 for the KU law Moreau Faculty Award.

Contact Drafting
Connie Chang

Connie Chang practices primarily in the areas of corporate and real estate transactions. She also consults on corporate governance matters for businesses and nonprofit organizations. She grew up in Honolulu and attended college and law school in California. After law school, she was an associate in the Los Angeles office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. She then became Senior Counsel at WellPoint, Inc. (now named Anthem, Inc.), a Fortune 50 company, and Senior Counsel at Amgen Inc., a Fortune 200 company. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Real Property and Financial Services Section of the Hawai`i State Bar Association and is a member of the Korean American Bar Association of Hawai`i.

Ethics & Integrity in the Real World
Will Weinstein

Will Weinstein has taught Ethics courses at UH, is presently teaching at San Francisco State University and has given seminars on the subject at prominent universities in Australia, the University of New Mexico, and at the Executive MBA program at Golden Gate University. He has also been active in the financial services business for over forty years. He was Governor of the American Stock Exchange for five years and currently serves as a Financial and Investment Advisor and Money Manager to individuals and corporations active in the equity markets.
Criminal Procedure
Kenneth Lawson
Ken Lawson is the Associate Director of the Hawaii Innocence Project and an associate faculty specialist at the William S. Richardson School of Law. Ken started his legal career as an associate in one of Ohio’s oldest and largest law firms. He eventually started his own firm, which grew to 12 lawyers. Over that 18 year period, he was lead counsel in more than a hundred criminal trials, including many murder and capital cases. He also litigated numerous civil rights and police misconduct cases. Several of Ken’s cases were followed closely by the media, and he made frequent appearances on CBS, ABC, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC, Court TV, and numerous radio shows.

Family Law
Calvin Pang
Calvin Pang joined the law faculty in 1994. He previously worked at the Legal Aid Society of Hawai‘i where he managed the Wai‘anae branch office before moving to the main office in Honolulu where he worked on public entitlements and family law issues. Professor Pang currently serves as the board president of the Friends of the Children Justice Center of O‘ahu. He is currently an appointee to the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education, as well as to the Hawai‘i Supreme Court Committees on Court Interpreters and Language Access, and on Equality and Access to the Courts.

Trusts & Estates
Nicholas Mirkay
Nicholas Mirkay joined the Law School Faculty in 2017. He came to the Law School from Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska where he was a professor of law for six years, most recently serving as Senior Associate Dean for Administration and Planning. Prior to his tenure at Creighton Law, Professor Mirkay served eight years as an Associate Professor of Law at the Delaware Law School of Widener University in Wilmington, Delaware. Before entering legal academics, Professor Mirkay had eleven years of experience as a tax and business lawyer, most recently as a partner in the St. Louis, Missouri law firm of Lewis Rice, LLC.

Torts; Second-Year Seminar
Troy Andrade
Troy Andrade is a proud graduate of the William S. Richardson School of Law, where he currently serves as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Interim Director of the Ulu Lehua Scholars Program. Following graduation from law school, Professor Andrade clerked for the Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i. He then became a civil litigator with McCorriston Miller Mukai MacKinnon LLP, where his practice focused primarily on complex commercial litigation, administrative law, and appellate litigation.

Second-Year Seminar
Elisabeth Steele Hutchison
Elisabeth Steele Hutchison is the Director of Admissions at the Law School. She has also taught courses about gender and law in the Women's Studies Program at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UH). Since 2006, Elisabeth has developed four, traditional, face-to-face courses and two online courses. She has taught more than nineteen classes at UH. Her classes range from large lecture classes with more than 120 students to small writing-intensive classes limited to 20 students. Elisabeth earned her bachelor’s degree from Carleton College in 1996 and a juris doctor degree from the Yale Law School.