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Members & Friends Newsletter

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2018-2019 has been an exciting year for political economy and the law. As the fall semester draws to a close, we wish to share some recent announcements.

– *Martha McCluskey (President) and Eric George (Editor)*

Recent APPEAL Events

On July 11-12, APPEAL co-sponsored a summer academy, *Law and Money: from Past to Future* at the University of Manchester with the [Law and Money Initiative](#) (LaMI) and the [Younger Scholars Initiative on Finance, Law and Economics](#) (FLE) of the [Institute for New Economic Thinking](#). The event brought interdisciplinary scholars together to share their work on the relationship between law, power and money. The workshop participants presented their research on the politics of monetary policy, financial technology, corporate taxation, shifts in the securities and derivatives markets, and other sites of convergence of power and distribution.

David Grewal and Martha McCluskey kicked off the Manchester Summer Academy with an overview of the intellectual heritage of the law and political economy movement. Further highlights included Pamela Foohey's (Indiana University) talk [Inside the Sweatbox](#), shedding light on pitfalls of bankruptcy law in America. Her work forms part of a collaborative initiative documenting the strategic deployment of bankruptcy clauses and their effects on workers and consumers. We also heard from Sandy Hager, who has been undertaking important research on the historical transformation of corporate taxation. You can check out his book on the political-economy of the [public debt in the United States](#).

A giant thank you to John Haskell of University of Manchester Law School for organizing this event and being such a fantastic host! We are working on plans to continue the Summer Academy for 2020, so stay tuned for further details.

Upcoming Events

In addition to another Manchester Summer Academy, we are working on plans for a spring northeastern US regional workshop with a strong student component. Although APPEAL is not planning a larger conference this year, we hope to see many members and friends at the [Law and](#)

[Political Economy Project's conference, *Law and Political Economy: Democracy After Neoliberalism*](#), April 3-4, 2020, Yale Law School, and also the [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, Colorado, May 28-31, 2020. If you are not already registered, be sure to check out the offerings of the Law and Political Economy Collaborative Research Network (CNR #55).

The Journal of Law and Political Economy Workshop

On October 11-12, **The Journal of Law and Political Economy** held a workshop to launch its inaugural volume at the University at Buffalo's [Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy](#), with additional support from the [Law and Political Economy Project](#). The JLPE is a new peer-reviewed interdisciplinary forum for scholarship on the relationship between law and power, led by chief editors Angela Harris and Jay Varellas, and managed by Eric George and joined by strategic planning committee Lua Kamal Yuille, Jamee Moudud and Tonya Brito. The first issue scheduled to appear in Spring of 2020 will include several essays reflecting on LPE institutions – including APPEAL – along with topical essays by leading scholars in the field, including many APPEAL participants. We look forward to it serving as a hub of cutting-edge research in the broader LPE movement!



New Work from APPEAL members

One area in which scholars in the APPEAL have made extraordinary contributions in recent years is the area of anti-trust law. APPEAL members have been hard at work publishing new and exciting work in this burgeoning field. Recently, Sandeep Vaheesan of the Open Markets Institute recently released [Accommodating Capital and Policing Labor: Antitrust in the Two Gilded Ages](#) in the Maryland Law Review, and Sanjukta Paul and Nathan Tankus have co-written a piece on the double edged sword of coordination rights [The Firm Exemption and the Hierarchy of Finance in the Gig Economy](#). Also, in light of landmark court battles over the rights of gig-economy workers, please check out the extensive commentary of [Veena Dubal](#), who was recently received the Michael Zimmer award. The award is for "a Rising Scholar who Values Workplace Justice and Community, and who has made Significant Contributions to the Field of Labor and Employment Law Scholarship." Congratulations Veena!

Your Help is Needed for the APPEAL Questionnaire

APPEAL is building a bibliography and resource bank to help newcomers navigate this complex field. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to fill out [APPEAL Questionnaire](#) to help identify areas of research they believe to be of strategic importance to the field. Our aim is to create a public resource bank to help students, teachers and researchers navigate the rapidly evolving LPE literature. Your answers are important to us! We are interested in works you believe are foundational to the field, as well as new areas of research that deserve greater attention.

New Law and Political Economy Student Groups

The law and political economy movement has recently been bolstered by a series of new student groups. Sarang Shah has been building a LPE Society at Berkeley law school, you can visit their website here: <https://www.lpesoc.org/>. They have a reading list of LPE authors, and host monthly events in the Bay area. There is also new LPE student chapter at NYU, they recently have hosted professors Amy Kacpczynski and Angela Harris for a speaking events at their monthly speakers series. Get a hold of Alex Arnold ala287@nyu.edu or Meena Oberdick mro267@nyu.edu if you would like to participate or learn more.

Get involved in building the Law and Political Economy Movement

In addition to [joining as a member](#) listed on APPEAL's website, we encourage members and friends to volunteer to help with our activities, offer suggestions. In addition to sharing your publications and activities on your APPEAL website member profile and on Twitter [@APPEALResearch](#). We also encourage you to volunteer for other tasks including organizing or hosting workshops and panels at events of other organizations, helping with social media and outreach, and serving on the Board. Please reach out to us at APPEAL@politicaleconomylaw.org.