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Legal, Political, and Ethical Dimensions of Presidential Indictments: Federal and State Considerations

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Agenda

4:00-4:05PM

Welcome by Leonard M. Baynes

Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen
Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center

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Welcome by Jim Granato

Dean, Hobby School of Public Affairs
Professor, Hobby School of Public Affairs
University of Houston

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Professor Seth Chandler

Law Foundation Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center

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Professor Renee Knake Jefferson

Professor of Law
Joanne and Larry Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics
Director, Law Center Outcomes and Assessments
University of Houston Law Center

4:50-5:10PM

Professor Jeronimo Cortina

Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science
Director of Faculty Research Initiatives at Population Health
University of Houston

5:10-5:30PM

Professor Jessica Bregant

Assistant Professor of Law
Associated Faculty in the Department of Psychology
University of Houston

5:30-6:00PM

Roundtable Discussion with Dean Baynes and Q&A



Leonard M. Baynes

*Dean, Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen
Distinguished Chair
Professor of Law
University of Houston Law Center*

Leonard M. Baynes, now the longest serving law dean in Texas, made history in 2014 with his appointment as the first dean of African descent, of the University of Houston Law Center.

During his deanship, the UH Law Center's entering credentials increased from a median LSAT score of 159 to 161 and a median GPA of 3.47 to 3.72 while ethnic/racial representation increased from 35.6% to more than 44.3%. Women constitute more than 53.4% of the class. Also, the ultra-modern \$93 million state-of-the-art John M. O'Quinn Law Building opened for the fall 2022 semester. Dean Baynes initiated an award-winning Pre-Law Pipeline Program designed to create more opportunities for first-generation, economically challenged, and under-represented college students.

In 2020, Dean Baynes was named to the Lawyers of Color Power List by the Lawyers of Color Foundation. In 2022, he was recognized by the AALS with the Clyde Ferguson Award and by his alma mater, Columbia University School of Law, with the Paul Robeson Award. Dean Baynes has written more than 35 law review articles and in 2020 published a casebook entitled *Communication Law in the Public Interest* with Wolters Kluwer.



Jim Granato

*Dean, Hobby School of Public Affairs
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A native of the south side of Chicago, Jim Granato is dean and a professor of the University of Houston's Hobby School of Public Affairs. He is also a University of Houston Energy Fellow.

Prior to coming to the Hobby School, Granato taught in the Department of Government at the University of Texas (2005-2006) and in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University (1991-2001). His teaching and research interests include American politics, political economy, public policy, econometrics and the unification of formal and empirical analysis.

Granato's professional experience also includes service as the political science program director and visiting scientist at the National Science Foundation (NSF). During his service at NSF, he helped develop and implement research and education training reforms in quantitative analysis, foremost was the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) initiative, one that still is being supported by NSF and has had a national impact.

His research and teaching have been supported by the City of Houston, various Texas governmental agencies, the Houston Endowment, Truist and the National Science Foundation. He also has given public testimony to local and state government committees on various issues.

Granato's academic service includes serving on several editorial boards, as well as chairing or membership on scientific and academic panels with primary focus on education and quantitative research.

Granato is the author or co-author of numerous publications in academic journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Economics and Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice* and the *Southern Economic Journal*. Other samples of his research can be found in the books, *The Role of Policymakers in Business Cycle Fluctuations* and *The Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models in Political Science* --- both published by Cambridge University Press.



Jessica Bregant

*Assistant Professor of Law
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Jessica Bregant is an Assistant Professor of Law and Associated Faculty in the Department of Psychology. She was most recently the Jerome Hall Postdoctoral Fellow at Indiana University Maurer School of Law and previously served as the Law, Behavior, and Social Science Fellow at the University of Illinois College of Law. She also clerked for the Hon. Rita B. Garman of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Professor Bregant earned her J.D. at the University of Illinois College of Law in 2009 and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 2018. Her scholarship explores the myriad ways in which lay people experience law, drawing on experimental methods from psychology and economics. Among other topics, she has written about the expressive functions of punishment, children's beliefs and expectations about rule-breaking, lay perceptions of settlement, and the intuitive origins of private ownership. She currently teaches in the areas of Property Law, Criminal Procedure, and Alternative Dispute Resolution; previous courses have also included Negotiations, Psychology for Law Practice, and Valuation & Compensation.



Seth J. Chandler

*Law Foundation Professor of Law
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Seth J. Chandler is a Law Foundation Professor of Law at the UH Law Center who specializes in constitutional law and the application of mathematics and computer science to law. Professor Chandler won a prestigious university-wide teaching excellence award in 1995, was a first year winner of the Innovator Award from Wolfram Research, received the President's Medal from Loyola University for extraordinary service in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and has been called on twice to testify before Congress on the Affordable Care Act. Professor Chandler has a broad Internet presence, including a YouTube Channel for his course Analytic Methods for Lawyers. He is also developing expertise in Large Language Models for use by Lawyers. He practiced with Munger, Tolles & Olson in Los Angeles and Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C. before beginning his academic career in 1990 at the UH Law Center. Professor Chandler teaches constitutional law, insurance law, Analytic Methods for Lawyers, and other courses.



Jeronimo Cortina

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Jeronimo Cortina is an award-winning Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Director of Faculty Research Initiatives at Population Health at the University of Houston. He earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from Columbia University, where he previously earned a Master's degree in Public Administration and Public Policy from the School of International and Public Affairs. Dr. Cortina specializes in survey research, immigration, development, and quantitative methods. His work has been published in scholarly and policy journals such as *Political Research Quarterly*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Foreign Affairs in Spanish*, and the *Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy*. His latest books include (with Andrew Gelman, David Park, and Boris Shor) "*Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do*" published by Princeton University Press, "*A Quantitative Tour of the Social Sciences*" published by Cambridge University Press (with Andrew Gelman) and "*New Perspectives on International Migration and Development*" (with Enrique Ochoa-Reza) published by Columbia University Press.



Renee Knake Jefferson

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Renee Knake Jefferson is the Joanne and Larry Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics and a Professor of Law at the University of Houston. In 2019, she held the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Australia, and during 2015, she was a Scholar-in-Residence at Stanford Law School's Center on the Legal Profession. From 2014-2016, she served as a reporter for the American Bar Association Presidential Commission on the Future of Legal Services.

Jefferson is an award-winning author of numerous articles and books including *Law Democratized: A Blueprint for Solving the Justice Crisis* (NYU Press 2024) and *Shortlisted: Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court* (NYU Press 2020). She frequently consults on legal ethics matters and regularly appears in media such as CNN Opinion, MSNBC, National Public Radio, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*. Her Legal Ethics Roundup newsletter is viewed by more than 1,000 readers around the globe each week. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a past-chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Professional Responsibility.

Before her academic career, Professor Jefferson practiced law at Mayer Brown in Chicago and Hunton & Williams in Richmond. She also worked as an Assistant City Attorney for Charlottesville, Virginia. She earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.