

NEW ENGLAND CLINICAL CONFERENCE 2025

NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2025

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
765 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BOSTON, MA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

WELCOME RECEPTION | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

TBD

SMALL GROUP DINNERS | 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

REGISTRATION | 8:00-9:00 a.m.

AND BREAKFAST | Barristers Hall, Room 108

NEW EXPERIENTIAL | 8:00-8:45 a.m.

FACULTY WORKSHOP | Room 526

WORKS-IN- | 8:00-8:45 a.m.

PROGRESS SESSION | Room 528

WELCOME | 9:05-9:15 a.m.

FROM THE DEAN | Barristers Hall, Room 108
Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Dean

PLENARY | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

SESSION | Barristers Hall, Room 108
Dr. Charmain Jackman, PhD

CONCURRENT | 10:45-11:45 a.m.

SESSION #1 | Rooms 413, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 526, and 528

LUNCH | 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Barristers Hall, Room 108

CONCURRENT | 1:45-2:15 p.m.

SESSION #2 | Rooms 416, 417, 418, and 419

CONCURRENT | 2:20-2:50 p.m.

SESSION #3 | Rooms 416, 417, 418, and 419

CONCURRENT | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

SESSION #4 | Rooms 413, 416, 417, 418, 419, and 420

CLOSING AND | 4:10-4:30 p.m.

FAREWELLS | Charles River Room, Room 108

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS #1

10:45 - 11:45 A.M.

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| ROOM 528 | ● | <p><u><i>Innovating Access to Rural Justice with Clinics, Fellowships and Financial Incentives</i></u>
Christopher Northrop, Maine Law School
Marcia Levy, Maine Law School</p> |
| ROOM 413 | ● | <p><u><i>Pro Se Litigation Assistance Programs...and Beyond</i></u>
Claire Donohue, Boston College Law School
Jeffery Cohen, Boston College Law School</p> |
| ROOM 416 | ● | <p><u><i>So You Want to Start a Health Equity Clinic?</i></u>
Jay Sicklick, University of Connecticut School of Law</p> |
| ROOM 417 | ● | <p><u><i>Beyond the Black Box: Teaching Ethical and Effective Use of AI in Clinical Legal Education</i></u>
Christina Miller, Suffolk University Law School
Darrell Mottley, Suffolk University Law School
Quinten Steenhuis, Suffolk University Law School</p> |
| ROOM 418 | ● | <p><u><i>Experiential Readiness & Contingency Planning</i></u>
Jessica Rubin, University of Connecticut School of Law
Beth Locker, Vermont Law and Graduate School
Julie Dahlstrom, Boston University School of Law
Sarah Boonin, Suffolk University Law School</p> |
| ROOM 419 | ● | <p><u><i>Cross Clinic Collaboration with Community Lawyering</i></u>
Erin O’Sullivan, New England Law
Susan Schwartz, New England Law</p> |

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ROOM 420

Maine Law's Immigration Detention Project: Innovating to Meet the Challenges of Unprecedented Immigration Enforcement and Detention

Bri Zhuang, University of Maine School of Law

Anna Welch, University of Maine School of Law

Sara Cressey, University of Maine School of Law

ROOM 526

Expanding Access and Increasing Opportunity for Student Learning: Utilizing a Clinical Model for Pro Bono Projects

Rachel Reeves, University of Connecticut School of Law

Suzy Harrington-Steppen, Roger Williams University School of Law

CONCURRENT SESSIONS #2

1:45-2:15 P.M.

ROOM 416

Leveraging Community Partnerships to Enrich Student Experience

Jennifer Brinkman, Northern Kentucky University School of Law

ROOM 420

An Overlooked Opportunity for Justice: Clinical Collaboration with Prosecutorial Offices to Remedy the Conviction of the Innocent

Brian Wilson, Boston University School of Law

David Lewis, New England Law

ROOM 526

Law-Themed TTRPGS (Tabletop Role-Playing Games/Simulations)

David Colarusso, Suffolk University Law School

ROOM 528

The Operating Manual for Me: Conscious Contracts® Tool for Values-Aligned Teamwork in Clinics

Kara McCarthy Perry, Quinnipiac University School of Law

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS #3

2:20 – 2:50 P.M.

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| ROOM 419 | ● <u><i>From Error to Advocacy: An Innovative Approach to Real - World Learning in Clinical and Experiential Legal Education</i></u>
Stephanie Kupferman , Vermont Law and Graduate School
Mary Mason , Vermont Law and Graduate School |
| ROOM 417 | ● <u><i>Scholarship Challenges for Experiential Teachers</i></u>
Margaret Drew , UMass Law School
Kate Devlin Joyce , Boston University School of Law
Julie Dahlstrom , Boston University School of Law |
| ROOM 526 | ● <u><i>Pivot to on the Road: The Travel Clinic</i></u>
Rebecca Nowak , University of Detroit Mercy School of Law |
| ROOM 528 | ● <u><i>Emerging Adulthood in 2025: Why Today's Law Students Behave the Way They Do</i></u>
Diana Hortsch , Brooklyn Law School |

CONCURRENT SESSIONS #4

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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| ROOM 526 | ● <u><i>Oops, I Did It Again: Embracing the Risk-Taking and Mistake-Making of Innovation</i></u>
Claire Donohue , Boston College School of Law
Bradford Colbert , Mitchell Hamline School of Law
Laurie S. Kohn , George Washington Law School
David Santacroce , University of Michigan Law School
Carmia Caesar , George Washington Law School |
| ROOM 416 | ● <u><i>Fighting the Chilling Effect Through Collective Action</i></u>
Kate Gannon , Suffolk University Law School
Elizabeth Valentin , Nova Southeastern University
Shepard Broad College of Law
Quinten Steenhuis , Suffolk University Law School |

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ROOM 417

Ideating an Inspirational and Innovative Special Education Clinic

Jim Wheaton, William & Mary Law School

Erin O’Sullivan, New England School of Law

ROOM 418

Breaking Out of the Box by Bringing It Back to Basics: Attention to Detail in the Experiential Setting

Laila Atta, Western New England University

Kara Simrad, University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law

ROOM 419

Spark!ing Collaboration Across Campus

Julie Dahlstrom, Boston University School of Law

Shira Diner, Boston University School of Law

Sarah Sherman-Stokes, Boston University School of Law

ROOM 528

Scaling Legal Education for Small Businesses: A New National Clinic Model for Public-Facing, Student-Led Legal Education

Nicole Killoran, Vermont Law and Graduate School

Brian Bailey, Vermont Law and Graduate School