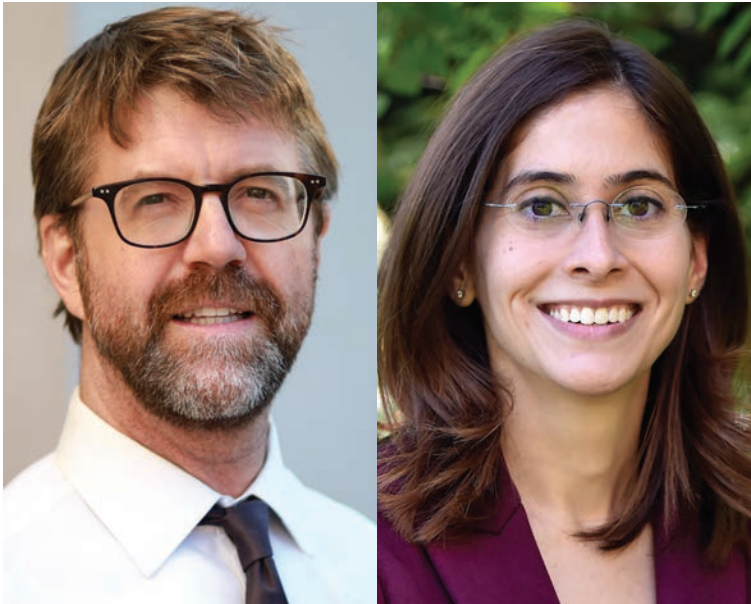


Philosophical problems lie at the heart of each area of law. Criminal law punishes people for wrongdoing others, but what conduct is wrong exactly, and do current criminal laws prohibit only such conduct?

Civil rights law prohibits discrimination, but what kinds of differential treatment are morally troubling and why? Constitutional law offers special protection for freedom of speech and religion, but why are speech and religion special? Coursework and faculty at Virginia are engaging with these questions every day.

► Professor Frederick Schauer is a world-renowned expert in the areas of constitutional law, evidence, legal reasoning, freedom of speech, and jurisprudence and the philosophy of law. He won the 2023 Scribes Book Award for "The Proof: Uses of Evidence in Law, Politics, and Everything Else."



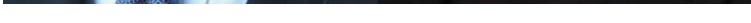
► Professor Charles Barzun focuses on constitutional law, torts, evidence and the history of legal thought.



► Professor Rachel Bayefsky's work addresses both the practical workings of legal institutions and underlying philosophical ideas such as dignity and equality.



► Professor Deborah Hellman studies equal protection law and its philosophical justification, and the relationship between money and legal rights.



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Building the Rule of Law	Legal Theory Workshop Seminar
Chinese Law	Liberalism and Its Critics
Civil Rights Litigation	Personal Data Protection in Europe
Comparative Constitutional Law	Philosophical Legal Ethics
Comparative Gender Equality	Poverty in Law, Literature and Culture
Constitutional Law and Economics	Rule of Law and Threats to It
Constitutional Law II: Freedom of Speech and Press	Seminar in Ethical Values
Constitutional Law II: Religious Liberty	Social Identity, Critical Theory and the Law
Constitutional Originalism	Social Science in Law
Constitutionalism: History and Jurisprudence	Sports and Games
Constitutionalism: Nation, Culture and Constitutions	Supreme Court From Warren to Roberts
Contract Theory	The Supreme Court: Before, During and After Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Dignity Law Seminar	Voice and Silence in Law and Literature
Feminism and the Free Market	
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