Halberstam joins Law School faculty

Daniel Halberstam is joining the Law School faculty in September as an assistant professor. Halberstam, a graduate of Yale Law School, where he was articles editor of the Yale Law Journal and editor of the Journal of Law and the Humanities, earned his B.A. summa cum laude in mathematics and psychology from Columbia College, where he was Phi Beta Kappa. He had obtained his Abitur at the Gutenberg-Gymnasium in Wiesbaden, Germany.

After graduation from law school, Halberstam clerked for Judge Patricia M. Wald of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and then for Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. He comes to the Law School from a post as attorney advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice. He also has worked as attorney advisor to Chairman Robert Pitofsky at the Federal Trade Commission and as a judicial fellow to Judge Peter Jann at the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Luxembourg.

Halberstam’s article “Commercial Speech, Professional Speech, and the Constitutional Status of Social Institutions,” was published this spring in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. His teaching interests focus on European Union law, constitutional law, and administrative law.

Ellen Katz is joining the Law School faculty in September as an assistant professor. Katz earned her J.D. at Yale Law School and clerked for Judge Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and then for Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. She also has practiced as an appellate staff attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice’s Environment and Natural Resources Division and its Civil Division.

Katz’s most recent article, “State Courts, State Officers, and Federal Commands After Seminole Tribe and Printz,” was published in the Wisconsin Law Review. She also has published in the Chicago-Kent Law Review and Western Legal History.

At Yale, she was articles editor of the Yale Law Journal and won the Joseph Parker Prize for the best paper in legal history and the Benjamin N. Cardozo Prize for the best brief submitted in Yale Moot Court competition.

Katz earned her B.A. in history summa cum laude from Yale College, where she was Phi Beta Kappa and managing editor of The New Journal. She is a member of the bars of New York State and the District of Columbia. Her teaching interests include property, environmental law, federal courts, legal history, and equal protection.

Women’s View —

"Is law school designed to develop a set of skills that you identify as male?" Professor Jane S. Schacter, right, asks during a midday program on "Becoming Gentlemen" at the Law School in February. Sponsored by the Women Law Students Association, the program drew its title from the study of the same name of women students at the University of Pennsylvania Law School by Lani Guinier, Michelle Fine, and Jane Galin ("Becoming Gentlemen," 143 University of Pennsylvania Law Review 1). About 40 law students, including a handful of male students, talked of their experiences, thoughts, and feelings during a wide-ranging discussion of Law School pedagogy, the curriculum, and the climate among students.