damage coverage for policyholders in *just v. Land Reclamation, Ltd.*, 456 N.W.2d 570 (Wis. 1990).

Rozinski then worked for seven years in New York City government, serving as general counsel to two large agencies and as senior counsel in the City's Law Department. During 2001 he was acting commissioner of the Department of Homeless Services, directing the operations of the largest city shelter program in the country.

He has taught political theory and American government at Harvard University, Touro College, and Baruch College. He is also a serious competitive bridge player and a Silver Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League.

Rozinski joins the U-M Law School faculty this fall as a clinical assistant professor teaching in the Legal Practice Program.

**Beth H. Wilensky**  
**Clinical Assistant Professor**

Beth H. Wilensky joins the faculty as a clinical assistant professor teaching in the Legal Practice Program. She formerly was an associate in the Litigation Section of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C., where she represented clients in commercial litigation in federal and state courts and federal agencies, with an emphasis on appellate and administrative law matters. She is a member of the Illinois and District of Columbia bars.

As a teaching fellow at Harvard College, she taught a course on legal, sociological, psychological, and anthropological perspectives on childhood. She was awarded a Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching for the work. Wilenski also received a Kellogg Foundation fellowship to design and implement needs assessment of the state foster care system for the Kansas Children’s Service League in Topeka.

She received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, where she was articles editor for the *Harvard Journal on Legislation*. Her law school thesis was titled “Institutional Litigation and the Child Welfare Reform Movement: Twenty Years, and Still No Place to Call Home.”

Wilenski earned her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in sociology with honors from the University of Pennsylvania. Her minor field of study was psychology. At Pennsylvania, she received a Ford Foundation research grant, was a member of the select Benjamin Franklin Scholar Honors Program and Mortar Board, and was on the Dean’s List. She also chaired the Committee on Judicial Reform and taught creative writing at Community School. Her undergraduate thesis was titled “The Relationship Between Alienation and Aggression in an Urban Middle School Population.”

**Ellsworth, Scott**  
**named distinguished university professors**

Two members of the Law School faculty have been named to the prestigious list of distinguished university professors, an honor that recognizes them “for exceptional achievement and reputation in their appointive fields of scholarly interest and for their superior teaching skills.”

Regents action naming Professor Phoebe C. Ellsworth the Frank Murphy Distinguished University Professor of Law and Psychology and Rebecca J. Scott the Charles Gibson Distinguished Professor of History increases the Law School’s roster of distinguished university professors to four: Yale Kamisar is the Clarence Darrow Distinguished University Professor of Law and Richard O. Lempert, ’68, is the Eric Stein Distinguished University Professor of Sociology and Law.

The University’s Board of Regents created the Distinguished University Professorships in 1947. Appointment to one of the professorships is one of the most coveted honors the University confers on a faculty member. Each appointee can name his/her professorship in honor of an eminent individual in the scholar’s same general field of interest.

Ellsworth’s professorship is named for Frank Murphy, ’14, whose rich public service included serving as mayor of Detroit, Governor General/High Commissioner of the Philippines, Governor of Michigan, U.S. Attorney General, and Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Murphy died in 1949.
Scott’s professorship is named for Charles Gibson, a distinguished U-M historian who was the Irving A. Leonard Distinguished University Professor of History from 1978 until his retirement. Gibson was an eminent historian of colonial Latin America who wrote six books and monographs, seven edited publications, and more than 50 scholarly articles. He was president of the American Historical Association, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and was the University’s Henry Russel Lecturer in 1976–77.

Ellsworth, who also has an appointment in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, formerly was the Kirkland and Ellis Professor of Law and the Robert B. Zajonc Professor of Psychology. She “is known for her lasting contributions to the fields of law and psychology, and her work in social psychology (in particular, the emotions) and in psychology and the law (especially with respect to juries) has been doubly pathbreaking,” according to the recommendation for appointment that the U-M Board of Regents approved in July.

Writing on her behalf, Provost Paul N. Courant and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Earl Lewis told the Regents “the research problems that she takes up are important and complex and tend to generate follow-up scholarship by others. A pioneer in her work at the intersection of law and psychology, Ellsworth bridged the chasm between social and cultural psychology and legal studies with her early work, convincing scholars on both sides that psychological theory and nonclinical psychological research offered important insights to legal policymakers for designing legal rules and institutions aimed at regulating human behavior and for understanding the processes and practices of the law itself.”

Courant and Lewis also praised Ellsworth as “an exceptional teacher as well as scholar” and as “a superb inspiration to her students as a model of critical intelligence." Among her colleagues, they said, “she is a remarkable intellectual presence, someone whose judgment is valued and sought after, and someone whose intellectual rigor is treasured.”

Ellsworth came to the University of Michigan as a professor of law and psychology in 1987. She earned her A.B., summa cum laude, in social relations from Radcliffe College and her Ph.D. in social psychology from Stanford University. She taught at Yale University and was a member of the faculty of Stanford University before coming to Michigan.

Scott, one of the nation’s foremost Latin American historians and an internationally recognized scholar of post-emancipation societies, earned her A.B., summa cum laude, in social studies from Harvard University, her M.Phil. in economic history from the London School of Economics, and her Ph.D. in history from Princeton University. She joined the U-M faculty in 1980 as an assistant professor of history, was named the Frederick Huetwell Professor of History in 1995, and in 2002 also was named professor of law.

In 1990, she was awarded a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Prize Fellowship (often call the "genius award"), and from 1994 to 1997 she held an Arthur F. Thurnau Professorship in recognition of her teaching. She also has been a senior fellow in the Michigan Society of Fellows, received an Edman Fellowship in support of her research activities, and in 2002 was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

She is the author of Slave Emancipation in Cuba: The Transition to Free Labor and co-author of The Abolition of Slavery and the Aftermath of Emancipation in Brazil and Beyond Slavery: Explorations of Race, Labor, and Citizenship in Post-emancipation Societies. “Her forthcoming book, Degrees of Freedom: Louisiana and Cuba after Slavery, 1862–1907, promises to advance scholarship on race and show how context-specific historical contingency shaped its development and its relation to class formation,” according to Provost Courant and Vice Provost Lewis.

Scott also is one of three coordinators of Espacios, silencios y los sentidos de la libertad, published in Spanish in Cuba last year and now in its second printing there. A collection of articles by 17 authors, including Scott, the book deals with Cuban political and democratic thought during the period 1878–1912.

Scott currently is organizing an international research and teaching project, The Law in Slavery and Freedom, that involves scholars from the U-M and other universities in the U.S., Latin America, and Europe. She founded the University’s Program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and directed the program from 1990–93. She chaired the Department of History from 1996–99, served on the Provost’s search committee in 1997, and currently is director of Graduate Studies in the history department.