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Speaker Bios

Dean Manning '85, Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor of Law

John F. Manning is the Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, whose faculty he joined in 2004. He was Bruce Bromley Professor of Law from 2007–2017 and Deputy Dean from 2013–2017. Prior to coming to Harvard, Manning was the Michael I. Sovern Professor of Law at Columbia Law School, where he began teaching in 1994. Manning teaches administrative law, federal courts, legislation and regulation, separation of powers, and statutory interpretation. His writing focuses on statutory interpretation and structural constitutional law. Manning is a co-editor of *Hart & Wechsler's Federal Courts and the Federal System* (6th ed., 2009) (with Richard Fallon, Daniel Meltzer, and David Shapiro), and *Legislation and Regulation* (2d ed., 2013) (with Matthew Stephenson).

Prior to entering teaching, Manning served as an assistant to the Solicitor General in the U.S. Department of Justice (1991-94), an associate in the D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (1989-91), and an attorney-advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel in the U.S. Department of Justice (1986-88). He served as a law clerk to Hon. Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court of the United States (1988-89) and to Hon. Robert H. Bork on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (1985-86). Manning graduated from Harvard Law School in 1985 and Harvard College in 1982. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Alexandra Natapoff, Lee S. Kreindler Professor of Law

[Alexandra Natapoff](#) is an award-winning legal scholar and criminal justice expert. She writes about criminal courts, public defense, plea bargaining, wrongful convictions, and race and inequality in the criminal system. Her book *Punishment Without Crime: How Our Massive Misdemeanor System Traps the Innocent and Makes America More Unequal* (Basic Books) reveals the powerful influence that misdemeanors exert over the U.S. criminal system. Her book *Snitching: Criminal Informants and the Erosion of American Justice* (NYU Press), won the ABA Silver Gavel Award Honorable Mention for Books. Her original work on criminal informants has made her an international expert.

Professor Natapoff is a 2016 Guggenheim Fellow, a member of the American Law Institute, and a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School. She has testified before Congress and numerous state legislative bodies; she has helped draft state and federal legislation; her work appears frequently in judicial opinions as well as the national media. Prior to joining the academy, she served as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Baltimore, Maryland.

Annette Gordon-Reed '84, Carl M. Loeb University Professor and Professor of History, Faculty of Arts & Sciences

[Annette Gordon-Reed](#) is the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard. Gordon-Reed won sixteen book prizes, including the Pulitzer Prize in History in 2009 and the National Book Award in 2008, for *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* (W.W. Norton, 2008). In addition to articles and reviews, her other works include *Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy* (UVA Press, 1997), *Vernon Can Read! A Memoir*, a collaboration with Vernon Jordan (PublicAffairs, 2001), *Race on Trial: Law and Justice in American History* (Oxford University Press, 2002), a volume of essays that she edited, *Andrew Johnson* (Times Books/Henry Holt, 2010) and, most recently, with Peter S. Onuf, *"Most Blessed of the Patriarchs": Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination* (Liveright Publishing, 2016). Gordon-Reed was the Vyvyan Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History at the University of Oxford (Queens College) 2014-2015. Between 2010 and 2015, she was the Carol K. Pforzheimer Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. She was the 2018-2019 President of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. She is the current President of the Ames Foundation. A selected list of her honors includes a fellowship from the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library, a Guggenheim Fellowship in the humanities, a MacArthur Fellowship, the National Humanities Medal, the National Book Award, the Frederick Douglass Book Prize, the George Washington Book Prize, and the Anisfeld-Wolf Book Prize. Gordon-Reed served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Dartmouth College from 2010 to 2018. She was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2011 and was a member of the Academy's Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences. In 2019, she was elected as a member of the American Philosophical Society.

Randall L. Kennedy, Michael R. Klein Professor of Law

[Randall Kennedy](#) is Michael R. Klein Professor at Harvard Law School where he teaches courses on contracts, criminal law, and the regulation of race relations. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina. For his education he attended St. Albans School, Princeton University, Oxford University, and Yale Law School. He served as a law clerk for Judge J. Skelly Wright of the United States Court of Appeals and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States. Awarded the 1998 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for Race, Crime, and the Law, Mr

Kennedy writes for a wide range of scholarly and general interest publications. His other books are *For Discrimination: Race, Affirmative Action, and the Law* (2013), *The Persistence of the Color Line: Racial Politics and the Obama Presidency* (2011), *Sellout: The Politics of Racial Betrayal* (2008), *Interracial Intimacies: Sex, Marriage, Identity, and Adoption* (2003), and *Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word* (2002). A member of the American Law Institute, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Association, Mr. Kennedy is also a Trustee emeritus of Princeton University.

**I. Glenn Cohen '03, Deputy Dean, James A. Attwood and Leslie Williams
Professor of Law, and Faculty Director, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy,
Biotechnology & Bioethics**

[Prof. Cohen](#) is one of the world's leading experts on the intersection of bioethics (also called "medical ethics") and the law, as well as health law. He also teaches civil procedure. From Seoul to Krakow to Vancouver, Professor Cohen has spoken at legal, medical, and industry conferences around the world and his work has appeared in or been covered on PBS, NPR, ABC, CNN, MSNBC, Mother Jones, the New York Times, the New Republic, the Boston Globe, and several other media venues.

He was the youngest professor on the faculty at Harvard Law School (tenured or untenured) both when he joined the faculty in 2008 (at age 29) and when he was tenured as a full professor in 2013 (at age 34), though not the youngest in history.

Prof. Cohen's current projects relate to big data, health information technologies, mobile health, reproduction/reproductive technology, research ethics, organ transplantation, rationing in law and medicine, health policy, FDA law, translational medicine, and to medical tourism – the travel of patients who are residents of one country, the "home country," to another country, the "destination country," for medical treatment.

He is the author of more than 150 articles and chapters and his award-winning work has appeared in leading legal, medical, bioethics, scientific and public health journals, as well as Op-Eds in the New York Times and Washington Post. Cohen is also the author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of more than 15 books.

Prior to becoming a professor, he served as a law clerk to Judge Michael Boudin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and as a lawyer for U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, Appellate Staff, where he handled litigation in the Courts of Appeals and (in conjunction with the Solicitor General's Office) in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Leah Plunkett '06, Meyer Research Lecturer on Law and Special Director for Online Education

[Leah Plunkett](#) is the Special Director for Online Education and Meyer Research Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School, where she heads the Learning Experience & Technology (LXT) team. She is also a faculty associate with the Youth & Media team at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and an associate professor (on leave 20-21) and former associate dean at University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law. Ms. Plunkett is a national leader in online legal education, having served as the chief architect of the hybrid JD program in intellectual property, information, and technology law at UNH (the first specialized hybrid JD program in the country). Her scholarship focuses on privacy and digital family life. Her acclaimed book, [SHARENTHOOD: Why We Should Think Before We Talk About Our Kids Online](#) (MIT Press 2019), won praise from *WIRED* and *The New Yorker*, among others. After she recently appeared on his podcast, [Armchair Expert](#), host and actor Dax Shephard called Ms. Plunkett a "fascinating woman and also very funny." Ms. Plunkett volunteers as a trustee for social justice organizations, including the ACLU of New Hampshire. She is an honors graduate of Harvard College & Harvard Law School.