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UB School of Law faculty are fully engaged in the world’s marketplace of ideas. Here are some ways they’re sharing their knowledge in a global context.

Associate Professor Anya Bernstein visited Taiwan three times in the past three years as a visiting scholar at Academia Sinica, Taiwan’s premier research institute. Bernstein is continuing to explore how Taiwanese government administrators relate to the legislature and how they understand their place in their democracy.

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor David M. Engel helped to organize and lead a Young Scholars Workshop in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Asian Law and Society Association at National Chia Tung University in Taiwan. Workshop participants came from universities throughout Asia and North America.

SUNY Distinguished Professor James A. Gardner visited the University of Barcelona in Spain, where he taught an introductory seminar on American constitutional law and participated in a symposium on free speech and criminal law.

Professor Rebecca Redwood French, a recognized authority on the intersection of Buddhism and law, was an invited speaker at a conference in Bhutan’s capital. French was part of a panel discussion about Buddhist influences on world legal codes, held at Bhutan’s newly established law school – the first in that tiny South Asian nation.

Assistant Clinical Professor Nicole Hallett served as a short-term legal expert for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Mexico City, training the directors of three new labor law clinics at Mexican law schools: Universidad Nacional de Mexico, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, and Universidad Autónoma de Mexico.

Professor Meredith Kolsky Lewis traveled to Wellington, New Zealand with 10 law students as part of the January course “New Zealand: International Economic and Comparative Law in Context.” They met with academics, government officials, private practitioners, and a Supreme Court justice.
Professor Teri Miller was named to one of the top posts in the State University of New York system. As SUNY’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and chief of staff to SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson in Albany, Miller serves as Johnson’s liaison with SUNY executive administrators and leaders on the system’s 64 campuses.

SUNY Distinguished Professor Makau W. Mutua delivered the lecture “Is the Age of Human Rights Over?” at the Centre for Human Rights in the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

Professor Jessica Owley was a visiting professor at the Universidad Pontificia-Comillas in Madrid, Spain where she will be returning annually to offer a course on comparative environmental law. Owley brought five students to the International Climate Change treaty negotiations in Bonn, Germany. While there, Owley presented on climate change law at an event sponsored by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Lecturer in Law, Legal Analysis, Writing and Research Stephen Paskey moderated and participated on a panel titled “Law’s DNA: The Double Helix of Rhetoric and Narrative” at the 2018 International Conference on Narrative in Montreal, Canada.

Louis A. Del Cotto Professor David A. Westbrook was a global scholar at Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium, where he presented “EU and the World: How to Think About Ourselves?”; “The Politics of Large Polities: The Imagination of Identities and Allegiance in the EU, U.S. and Russia”; “Deploying Ourselves: Islamist Violence and the Responsible Projection of U.S. Force”; and “Unicorns, Guardians, and the Concentration of the U.S. Equity Markets.”