

## GEETA TEWARI

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### EDUCATION

**Columbia University, School of Arts**, Master of Fine Art in Writing, May 2017

Honors: *Columbia Journal of Art and Literature*, Board Member

**Fordham University School of Law**, Juris Doctor, May 2005

Honors: *Fordham International Law Journal*, Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award;  
Dean's Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service

**Cornell University**, Bachelor of Arts, May 2002

Major: Government

Honors: Dean's List, National Honor Society

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Contract Law; Business Organizations; Law and Business; Professional Responsibility and Ethics;  
Law, Literature, and Narrative Justice; State and Local Government Law

### RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

#### Law

- *Local Governance, Pay Equity, and the Pandemic: Applying New York City Human Rights Law*, 84 ALB. L. REV. (forthcoming 2021).
- *For the Sake of Narrative Justice, Womxn*, MICH. JOUR. R. & L. (2020)
- *The Ethics of Gender Narratives for U.S. Corporate Boards*, 16 N.Y.U. J. L. & B. 221 (2019)
- Urban Law Center: Urban Law Bulletin, <https://www.urbanlawcenter.org/blog-1>
- *Law and the New Urban Agenda*, co-editor, with Nestor M. Davidson (Routledge 2020)
- *Global Perspectives in Urban Law: The Legal Power of Cities*, co-editor, with Nestor M. Davidson (Routledge 2018)
- *Eminent Domain in the City of New York: A Discussion of the Public Hearing and Notice Requirements and Methods for Judicial Challenges Under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law*, co-authored with Natasha Demosthene, Government, Law, and Policy Journal, Spring 2007
- Research Assistance to Catherine Powell for her article, *Lifting Our Veil of Ignorance: Culture, Constitutionalism, and Women's Human Rights in Post-September 11 America*, 57 Hastings L.J. 331-383 (2005)

**Other Writings intersecting with Economy, Gender, Humanity, Law, Race, and Sociology**

- Two Poems (*Michigan Quarterly Review*, 2019)
- Postpartum, short story (*Granta Magazine*, 2019)
- Confessions on Womanhood, flash-fiction story (*New England Review*, 2018)
- Discipline, short story (*Granta Magazine*, 2017)
- How To Make Love, short story (*NY Tyrant*, 2017)
- This Is How Your Life Begins, short story (*Caustic Frolic*, New York University Center for Experimental Humanities, 2017)
- The Indianness, short story (*Narrative Magazine*, 2015)
- Evacuation, poem (*Mom Egg Review*, Vol. 12, 2014)
- Oxford, Massachusetts, poem, (*Podium Magazine*, Issue 11)
- Impressionism, poem (*Ibbetson Street Magazine*, Vol. 32, 2012)
- Help Wanted, After All, personal essay (*Boston Globe*, 2009)
- *Female Circumcision: A Ritual Worth Continuing?*, co-authored with Kim Webster, 1999, unpublished term paper, cited by Philip McMichael in *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Pine Forge Press, 2008

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Defining Narrative Law
- How to Use a Law Degree (represented by Thompson Literary Agency)
- A Modern Reader in Narrative Justice (with Jenessa Abrams)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Widener University Delaware Law School  
Assistant Professor of Law, July 2020 – Present

Founding Director, Narrative Justice Project  
New York Foundation for the Arts  
Oct. 2019 – Present

Director, Sept. 2019 – July 2020  
Associate Director | Urban Law Fellow, Jan. 2018 – Sept. 2019  
Urban Law Center  
Fordham University School of Law

Advisory Council, Small Orange Poetry Journal  
May 2019 – Present

Juror, New York City Book Awards  
2018 – 2020  
New York Society Library

Instructor | Artist as Teacher

Columbia Artist/Teacher Program  
Columbia University  
2015 – 2017

Administrative Law Judge  
New York State Department of Labor  
2010 – 2011

Assistant Attorney General  
District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General  
2008 – 2010

Assistant Corporation Counsel  
New York City Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel  
2006 – 2008

Legal Fellow | Law Clerk  
Honorable Justice Jaime A. Rios  
New York State Supreme Court, Queens County  
2005 – 2006

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

*Widener University Delaware Law School*  
Faculty Development Committee, 2020-present  
Enrollment Management Committee, 2020-present  
Institute of Delaware Corporate and Business Law, 2020-present

*Fordham University*  
Fordham 100 Years of Women Committee, Member  
Fordham LGBTQ Network of Support

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION, INVITATIONS, AND PARTICIPATION**

Initiative Organizer, The Ethics of Empathetic Lawyering: A CLE Roundtable Discussion, Widener University Delaware Law School & Narrative Justice Project, Feb. 2, 2021.

- Moderator and Speaker

Cooper-Walsh Colloquium: The Impact of Financial Crisis on Urban Environments: Past, Present, and Future, Fordham Law School, Online, Oct. 16, 2020

- Presentation: Local Governance, Pay Equity, and the Pandemic

Urban Law Day Roundtable Discussion: Law and the New Urban Agenda in the Current Crisis, UN-Habitat and Fordham Law School, Online, Oct. 6, 2020

- Introductory Remarks

Ninth Annual State and Local Government Works-in-Progress Conference, Willamette University College of Law, Online, Sept. 24-25, 2020

- Presentation: Defining Narrative Law

Online Urban Law Day 2020, The Post COVID City: Lessons for the Future in Law and Development, UN-Habitat and Institute for Advanced Legal Students, Jul. 10, 2020

- Presentation: Equal Pay as a Human Right, A Closer Look at New York City Human Rights Law After COVID-19

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Rule and Resistance, Online, May 30, 2020

- Presentation: Fair Salary Negotiation as a Human Right

Initiative Organizer, Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative; Panel Discussion on Feminist Lawyering in N.Y.C. Criminal Court, Zoom Webinar, Apr. 29, 2020

- Welcome Remarks and Moderator

Law, Culture, and Humanities Annual Meeting, Projections: Imagining Legal Futurity, Quinnipiac School of Law, New Haven, Connecticut, Mar. 7 – 8, 2020

- Presentation: Cities as Storytellers in the Narrative Justice Movement

Urban Law Journal Symposium, Urban Cities and Accessibility, Fordham Law School, New York, New York, Feb. 14, 2020

- Moderator, Panel on Technology and Accessibility

Third Annual Women's Leadership Institute, Fordham Law School, Jan. 31, 2020

- Panel Organizer, Moderator and Speaker, Cultivating On-ramps in the Legal Profession

U.N. Matters: Spotlight on Women and Girls, Fordham University School of Social Service, Nov. 25, 2019

- Speaker

Conference Co-Organizer, Cooper-Walsh Colloquium: Urban Intelligence and the Emerging City, Fordham Law School, Oct. 25, 2019

- Moderator, The Evolution of Urban Intelligence

Initiative Organizer, Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative; Panel Discussion on The Ethics of Job Interview Questions, Fordham Law School, Oct. 17, 2019

- Welcome Remarks

Visiting Artist/Scholar, American Academy in Rome, Italy, Jul. 15 – 26, 2019

- Leader and Presenter, Narrative Justice Workshop

Conference Co-Organizer, Sixth International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, University of New South Wales Law School, Sydney, Australia, Jul. 11 – 12, 2019

Panelist/Presenter, 2019 Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Washington, D.C.

May 30 – June 2, 2019

- Presentation: U.S. Governmental Approaches to the New Urban Agenda's Women Empowerment Priority

Presenter, New York City Book Awards Ceremony, New York, New York, May 1, 2019

- Juror & Presenter

Initiative Organizer, Women in Urban Law Leadership Initiative Launch; Panel Discussion on Gender Equity in Urban Law, Fordham Law School, Apr. 16, 2019

- Welcome Remarks

Utopia/Dystopia Project, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, Apr. 4 – 5, 2019

- Presentation: Regarding Narrative Justice, Womxn

Conference Co-organizer, The Protection of Cultural Heritage and Municipal Law, Fordham Law School, Apr. 5, 2019

Conference Organizer, Urban Law Roundtable on Cities and Climate Adaptation, Cornell Club, New York, New York, Oct. 31, 2018

- Welcome Remarks

Moderator, Behind the Book: City Art and the Pursuit of Justice, Fordham Law School  
Oct. 24, 2018

Conference Organizer, Seventh Annual State and Local Government Law Works in Progress Workshop, Fordham Law School

Sept. 24 – 25, 2018

- Moderator, Panel on City Administration and Governance Structures

Conference Organizer and Leader, Fifth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, São Paulo, Brazil

Jun. 21 – 22, 2018

- Moderator, Panels: Urban Mobility and Governance – the Brazilian Experience; Global Migration and Cities

Institute for Global Law and Policy Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Jun. 2 – 3, 2018

- Presentation: Global Cities, Ladders to Break Through Corporate Glass Ceilings

The Columbia-NYU-Fordham International Sustainable Cities Conference, New York, New York, May 1 – 2, 2018

- Moderator, Panels: Green Finance and Other Models; Highlight on Market Innovations

Conference Organizer, The City We Need, an Urban Thinkers Campus Conference  
Feb. 9, 2018

- Moderator, Panel, Nationalism versus Urbanism: Cities in an Era of Increasing Nationalism

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

New York Women's Bar Association, Advancing the Status of Women Committee Member  
PEN America, Member  
American Bar Association, Business Law Section Member  
Law and Society Association

## **MAJOR LITERARY READINGS**

Columbia Faculty Selects Reading Series, KGB, Jun. 2, 2018  
Writers from the Dark Tower, Sunday Salon, Mar. 18, 2018  
Writers Reading Series, New York Society Library, Mar. 6, 2018  
Bread Loaf Writers Reading Series, Middlebury College, Oct. 22, 2017  
Litquake, Annual Literary Festival, San Francisco, Oct. 14, 2017

## **MEDIA AND OTHER CITATION ACTIVITY**

Delaware Opioid Suits Continue Despite Federal Purdue Settlement, Delaware Public Media, Oct. 23, 2020, <https://www.delawarepublic.org/post/delaware-opioid-suits-continue-despite-federal-purdue-settlement>

Miriam Posner, Introduction to Digital Humanities, teaching Geeta Tewari's "Discipline" story (Nov. 20, 2017), <http://miriamposner.com/classes/dh101f17/2017/11/20/week-8-discipline-network-chart/>

Opinion: Geeta Tewari's "Discipline" Breaks Female Virginity Taboo, News18, CNN India blog affiliate (Nov. 4, 2017), <https://www.news18.com/news/books/opinion-geeta-tewaris-discipline-breaks-the-female-virginity-taboo-1567033.html>

**LANGUAGES** (aside from English)  
Hindi, Italian (basic)

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

New York  
New Jersey (inactive)  
Washington, D.C. (inactive)