

NEW FACULTY

School of Law welcomes new profs

Lanier currently serves on the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging and the State Bar Access to Justice Committee. She has received numerous awards and was among the first class of inductees into the Elder Rights Hall of Fame. Additionally, the National Association of Senior Legal Hotlines created a scholarship in her honor that is awarded annually.

Weeks returned to the UGA School of Law in the fall of 2011 as a faculty member, and her teaching and research interests include torts, health law, health care financing and regulation, and public health law.

A holder of a J. Alton Hosch Professorship, she is the coauthor of *The Law of American Health Care and Healthism: Health Status Discrimination and the Law* (forthcoming). Her scholarship has appeared in the *American Journal of Law and Medicine*, the *Boston University Law Review*, the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, the *Minnesota Journal of Law Science & Technology*, the *North Carolina Law Review*, the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* and the *Washington University Law Review*.

Earlier this year, Weeks was named a UGA Public Service and Outreach Faculty Fellow. She was also recognized as one of four emerging health law scholars nationwide by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics in 2005.

Weeks presently serves as co-editor of the Health Law Section of the online journal *Jotwell*. Additionally, she is a former judicial clerk for Judge Jacques L. Wiener Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Melissa J. Durkee joins the School of Law faculty as an associate professor this fall. She will teach in the areas of international, transnational and business law.

Prior to coming to Athens, she was an associate law professor at the University of Washington, where she was presented awards two consecutive years for her scholarship, and a third year for her support of student journals.



Her research focuses on new forms of global governance, particularly interactions between government and business actors that affect the content and success of international legal rules. Durkee's scholarship has been published in prestigious journals such as the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Virginia Law Review* and the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*. She also served for three years as managing editor of *AJIL Unbound* and has held a number of leadership positions in the American Society of International Law.

Before entering the legal academy, Durkee was an associate at the New York office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, where she specialized in international litigation and arbitration. She also served as a judicial clerk for Judge Sidney H. Stein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She served as an associate-in-law at Columbia Law School from 2011 to 2013.

Durkee earned her law degree from Yale Law School, where she served on the editorial boards of the *Yale Law Journal* and the *Yale Journal of International Law*.



Lindsey Simon joins the law school faculty this fall as an assistant professor, after serving as a visiting faculty member earlier this spring. Her research focuses on the bankruptcy system, drawing concepts from bankruptcy structure and procedure to address broader institutional design challenges. Her course load will include Bankruptcy, Secured Transactions and the Bankruptcy Practice Seminar.

Previously, Simon was an associate at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, where her practice involved a mix of commercial litigation and corporate restructuring matters. She also taught as an adjunct professor at the Georgia State University College of Law.

A former judicial clerk for Judge Beverly B. Martin (J.D.'81) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Simon earned her law degree *magna cum laude* from the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, and her Bachelor of Music *magna cum laude* and Master of Education from Vanderbilt University.