

Elena-Daniela (Dana) NEACSU  
**Director, Duquesne Kline Law Library (DCLI/DKLL)**  
**Associate Professor of Legal Skills**  
**Thomas R. Kline School of Law | Duquesne University**

**EXPERIENCE:**

- Management: Director of Duquesne Center for Legal Information (DCLI/2021-2023); Director of Duquesne Kline Law Library (DKLL/2023-); Managing Director of Allegheny County Law Library (ACLL/2021-2023)
  - Successfully overseeing all aspects of library operations
    - Strategic planning; Operational implementation; Growth & development of resources and technology; Promote AI in reference and research services
    - Negotiate and administer budgets and personnel
    - Steward collection development initiatives to fit the budget while serving faculty scholarship needs
    - Create and sustain a culture of data-informed decision-making
    - Build social justice initiatives promoting diversity, equality, and inclusion – devise [DEI webinars](#)
    - Enhance the role of the library as a pillar of intellectual life with [Legal Talk Series](#) & [Symposia](#), available from our [YouTube](#) channel and [Digital Commons](#)
- Legal Educator – Associate Professor of Legal Skills at Duquesne Kline Law School (2021-) and Lecturer-in-law at Columbia Law School (CLS) (2005-2021)
  - Teach 1L legal research in the LRW program (on AI and legal research) (2024-)
  - Teach the first experiential seminar combining legal doctrine, research, and writing - *Duquesne Kline's Climate Change, Research & Writing* (2022-) & Collaborate with JOULE to have the best student-papers published on [JOULE's website](#)
  - Devised for-credit-librarian-taught legal research at Columbia Law School (2005-)
- Professional Leadership
  - Since 2022, Director of the National Conference on Legal Information Scholarship and Teaching (CoLIST);
  - Since 2022, representing law library directors at the International Federation of Library Association
  - Initiate and supervise the editing of DKLL's first-library-published book, MISTICK SPEAKS, available for free from our [Digital Commons](#) and for a fee from [Amazon](#) (royalties go directly to the author);
  - Initiated and supervised CLS' first library-published book [LAW IN THE TIME OF COVID-19](#) (2020).

**EDUCATION:**

2007-2011	Ph.D.: Rutgers The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ
2000-2001	M.L.S.: CUNY, NY
1993-1994	LL.M.: Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
1990-1991	D.E.A.: (Diplôme d'études approfondies), Ecole de Droit et des Etudes Politiques; Caen, France
1985-1989	LL.B.: Universitatea București, Romania.

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:**

2021-	Director Duquesne Center for Legal Information/Law Library & Associate Professor of Legal Skills, Duquesne Kline Law School
2000-21	Head of Public Services, Librarian & Lecturer-in-Law, Columbia University, Law School, New York, NY
1990-94	Assistant Professor, Facultatea de Drept, Universitatea București, Romania.

**LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:**

- 1998-2000 Assistant Corporation Counsel, New York City Corporation Counsel’s Office, Affirmative Litigation Department (practicing in the areas of civil rights and tort law, in federal and state courts), New York, NY
- 1997-1998 Associate Attorney, Bickel & Brewer (practicing in the areas of business law, environmental litigation, tort, and contract law), New York, NY
- 1989-90 Civil Court, Trial (in training), Câmpu Lung Muscel, Romania.

**LEGAL COURSES & SEMINARS TAUGHT :**

- Climate Change Law, Research & Writing (Duquesne Klein School of Law, Spring 2023-, 2 credits)
- Introduction to U.S. Law, Legal Research, Writing, & Analysis (Duquesne Klein School of Law, 2022, for the foreign LL.M. program, 1 credit)
- Upper Class Writing advisor (Duquesne Klein School of Law, 2021-, 1 credit)
- LLM– Independent Research (Duquesne Klein School of Law, Fall 2021, 1 credit)
- [L6561 LL.M.](#) Legal Research & Writing (Columbia Law School, 2005–2020, research component)
- [L6115-LEC](#) Legal Practice Workshop I (Columbia Law School, 2005–2020, research component)
- CLS: Legal Research - (Using my own book, *Introduction to U.S. Law & Research* (Brill, 2005) Amsterdam, Columbia Law School-Summer School, 2005 (two weeks)
- Introduction to Civil Law for 1L students (Assistant Professor; Gheorghe Beileu, Law Professor).

**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS:**

**SELECTIVE BOOKS (updated// translated// authored// co-authored // or co-edited)**

Miller and Davis. Updated by Dana Neacsu - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, AND COPYRIGHT IN A NUTSHELL, (updated its 7<sup>th</sup> edition) (West Publishing, 2023)

Katharina Pistor, CODUL CAPITALULUI: CUM DREPTUL CREEAZĂ BOGĂȚIE ȘI INEGLITATE [THE CODE OF CAPITAL: HOW THE LAW CREATES WEALTH AND INEQUALITY]. (Dana Neacșu, trans.,) ([Editura Hamangiu](#), 2022)

[THE BOURGEOIS CHARM OF MARX’S WRITINGS & THE IDEOLOGICAL IRONY OF AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE](#) (Brill, 2020)

[INTRODUCTION TO U.S. LAW, POLICY & RESEARCH. AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE](#) (Peter Bower, co-author) (Vandeplas Publishing, 2019).

[SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITIES, AND THE LAW: A RESEARCH BIBLIOGRAPHY](#) (David B. Holt, co-editor-in-chief.), (Hein, 2018).

**SELECTIVE BOOK CHAPTERS**

[Ch. 2. Essential Perspectives: Foundations of Capitalism](#), in SUSTAINABLE CAPITALISM (Inara Scott, editor) (Utah UP, 2024)

Ch. 9. DRM Redux (advocacy chapter), in DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT: A LIBRARIAN’S GUIDE (Catherine Ann Lemmer & Carla Wale, editors) (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016)

Ch. 12. Gender-based Persecution as a Basis for Asylum: An Annotated Bibliography, in WOMEN AND THE LAW (Jane C. Moriarty, editor) (Thomson/West, 2005).

**SELECTIVE JOURNAL ARTICLES - *Bibliometrics (ORCID ID 0000-0003-3761-8691)***

- *Academic Commons – Columbia University Institutional Repository – 33,135 downloads and 19,936 abstract views for 51 works (as of 06/28/2024)*
- *Digital Commons – Duquesne University Institutional Repository - 3294 downloads and 586 abstract views since 7/19/2021 for 39 works in 104 countries (as of 06/28/2024)*
- [Google Scholar](#) – 271 citations to articles since 2018, h-index 9, i-10 index 8.
- *HeinOnline – 323 accessed online (past 12 months), cited by 94 articles & 1 case; h-index 6 (as of 6/28/2024)*
- *SSRN – 1303 downloads for 15 papers.*

The Persistent Treatise. 115 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_ (2024) (with Paul Callister) (forthcoming)

The Ersatz of the Plain-Meaning Rule of Statutory Construction in *Sackett v. EPA (II)*. 62 DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW \_\_ (2024) (forthcoming)

[Aliénation de l'affection - Bref traitement littéraire et jurisprudentiel](#) (Alienation of Affection – A Law and Literature Perspective) REVISTA ANALELE UNIVERSITATII DE VEST DIN TIMISOARA, (2023)

Building Belonging. [SALUS POPULI](#). The DKLS Alumni Magazine (Fall, 2023), at 9 (with Maria Comas)

Forward — 11 [DUQUESNE KLINE JOURNAL OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL](#)1 (2023)

[Applying Bentham’s Theory of Fallacies to Chief Justice Roberts’ Reasoning in \*West Virginia v. EPA\*](#). 61 DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 95 (2023)

[Technology—Revealing or Framing the Truth? A Jurisprudential Debate](#). 60 DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 246 (2022)

The Aesthetic Ideology of *Juliana v. United States* and Its Impact on Environmentally Engaged Citizenship. 2021. JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SCIENCES ([peerreviewed](#))

[Social Services and Mutual Aid in Times of COVID-19 and Beyond: A Brief Critique](#). 25 HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF 28 (2021)

[An Ecological and Holistic Analysis of the Epistemic Value of Law Libraries](#) (with Paul Callister) 113 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 241 (2021)

[Academic scholarship: Communication, publishing, and ranking](#) (with James M. Donovan) 49 JOURNAL OF LAW AND EDUCATION 433 (2020)

[Technology, alienation and the future of litigation-based social change](#). 24 TEMPLE POLITICAL & CIVIL RIGHTS LAW REVIEW, 155 (2014)

[The many texts of the law](#). (with Michael H. Davis) 3 BRITISH JOURNAL OF AMERICAN LEGAL STUDIES 481 (2014)

[New York Grand Juries: Rubber Stamp of ADA's Requests?](#) 49 CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN, 207 (2013)

[The political value of knowledge and the elite schools' curricula. To ignore or not to ignore Marxism?](#) 82 UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW REVIEW 219 (2005)

[CLS Stands for Critical Legal Studies, If Anyone Remembers](#). 8 JOURNAL OF LAW & POLICY 415 (2000) (Referenced in [Critical Legal Studies](#), in WIKIPEDIA)

**SELECTIVE BOOK REVIEWS**

[The Code of Capital. How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality](#). Pistor, Katharina. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019. 47 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION, 199 (2019)

[Il était une fois! Analyse juridique des contes de fées](#), Marine Ranouil and Nicolas Dissaux, Eds. Paris: Dalloz, 2018. 47 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION, 198 (2019)

[Troubling transparency: The history and future of freedom of information](#). Edited by David E. Pozen and Michael Schudson. New York: Columbia University Press, 2018. 47 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION 121 (2019)  
(Pozen replied in [Seeing Transparency More Clearly](#). 2019. 80 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REVIEW 326 (2019).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

- 2022- Director, National Conference on Legal Information: Teaching and Scholarship (CoLIST) (now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year)
- 2022 - International Federation of Library Association (Academic Law Library Committee)
- 2022 Member, Duquesne Kline Law School, Dean's Reappointment Committee
- 2021 ABA Site Visit Co-chair – Duquesne Kline Law School
- 2021 - Dean's Diversity Committee – Duquesne Kline Law School
- 2010-21 University Senate, Non-Senator, Columbia University
  - Elections Commission;
  - Parliamentarian (November 2018, March 2021)
- 2020 - ALA, ACRL member
- 2000- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
  - Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect, Social Responsibility (SR-SIS), 2016/18
- 1997-2021 Association of the Bar of the City of New York (ABCNY), New York, N.Y.

**VOLUNTEER WORK:**

- 2024 Member, MA Thesis Defense Committee, Evaluation of Changes in Evaporative Losses from Lake Power in the Colorado River Basin (Maria Mlinarcik, Dept. Env. Science, Duq. Univ. (March 23)
- 2022- **CLE Programs: The New Supreme Court Cases: Duquesne Law Faculty Explains.**
  - Presenter on West Virginia v. EPA. CLE Program (September 30, 2022)
  - Presenter on Sackett (II), CLE Program (September 22, 2023)
- ❖ **The Universe Is on Our Side – A Conversation with Law Professor Bruce Ledewitz**, Moderator & Presenter, CLE Program (March 22, 2022)
- ❖ **Duquesne Kline Law School Faculty Speaker Series ([nine interviews](#))**
- ❖ **Artistic collaboration with CAPA Students to produce murals for DKLL** representing Pittsburgh's cultural diversity ([annual installations](#))
- 2021- Student Organizations, Duquesne Kline Law School
  - JOULE Co-advisor (writing the Forward to publication & creating a new collaboration between [JOULE and students taking Climate Change Law, Research and Writing](#))
  - Member of Student Support Committee Environmental Law & Education Law

**VOLUNTEER WORK (CONTINUATION):**

- 2000-21 Member, Social Justice Interest Discussion Group, Columbia University, NY
- [Interview with the CU Librarian & Vice Provost, Ann Thornton](#)
- 2017-21 Volunteer, The Roma People's Project, Columbia University, NY ([THE ROMA PEOPLE'S PROJECT](#))
- 2008-10 Faculty Mentoring Program, Columbia Law School, NY
- Women's International Leadership Program, International House, New York, NY
- 1995-96 Volunteer\*, Law and Development Program for Legal Advocacy Training Program, Israel/Palestine Center for Legal Research and Information (IPCLRI- USA, NGO), Jerusalem, Israel:
- \* liaison between Palestinian and Israeli lawyers, due to my legal education and practice in Romanian/Soviet-influenced Civil law, EU & French Civil law, as well as U.S. common law.

**CONFERENCES AND OTHER PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

**AALL Annual Conference, 2024**, "Hachette Book Grp. v. Internet Archive Means Controlled Digital Lending Is Off the Table for Libraries; Or Does It?" (panelist, Chicago, July 21, 2024)

**AALL Annual Conference, 2024**, "Writing Agendas and Scholarship Portfolios: From Ideation to Publication" (AALL - all day event) (panelist, Chicago, July 20, 2024)

**Sixteenth Annual Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship and Teaching (CoLIST)**, Director-Organizer & Discussant, Chicago, July 18-19, 2024

**Information, Medium & Society: Twenty-Second International Conference on Publishing Studies: Traveling Concepts: Publishing Systems and the Transfer and Translation of Ideas.** "Finding the Law and AI," (with Paul Callister) <https://dsc.duq.edu/law-faculty-scholarship/146>, Milan, June 26, 2024 (asynchronous presentation)

**AALS Professors' Corner - SCOTUS on WOTUS:** "What Sackett v. EPA Means for Water Rights and Resources" (presenter) April 9, 2024 [https://americanbar.zoom.us/rec/share/-XjTPxtSgDLEDZh5tJh0FMI5IGJ2coYGQPcKCofU79sAP-E9kNaovenh\\_Z0pzV8.H0ldRveKCZw5WkKe](https://americanbar.zoom.us/rec/share/-XjTPxtSgDLEDZh5tJh0FMI5IGJ2coYGQPcKCofU79sAP-E9kNaovenh_Z0pzV8.H0ldRveKCZw5WkKe)

**AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Law Libraries & Legal Information**, "Security of Position for Law Librarians" (panelist), Washington D.C., January 5, 2024

**14th annual McGinley-Rice Symposium: The Face of the Person Who Is Incarcerated**, "The Right to Read: Prison Libraries & Librarianship," (panelist) Duquesne University, October 26-27, 2023.

**Fifteenth Annual Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship and Teaching (CoLIST)**, Director-Organizer & Discussant, Boston, July 13-14, 2023

**Smart Diaspora - Reziliența construcției democratice în Uniunea Europeană**, "Reziliența capitalismului// Capitalism and Its Resilience: Between Reality and Imaginary," (panelist) Timisoara, April 11, 2023 (via zoom)

**The Legal Treatise: Past, Present, and Future - Conference**, "The Persistent Treatise" (with Paul Callister), Yale Law School, March 24, 2023

**Radical Empathy and Academic Leadership**, [Panelist & Organizer, Duquesne University, DCLI, February 23, 2023](#)

**[Does American Law Have Roman Law Roots? The Lessons of Justinian's Code](#)**, Panelist, Moderator & Organizer, Duquesne Kline Law School, DCLI, November 3, 2022

**CONFERENCES AND OTHER PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUATION):**

**Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference**, “Universal Values, Local Implementation. Home- Grown Human Rights,” New York, NY. April 1-2, 2022

**Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, “Environmental Sustainability. A Multilayered Approach.” (via Zoom), March 11, 2022

**Conferința Internațională Gheorghe Beleiu**, “[Perspective asupra responsabilității precontractuale în dreptul american: teorie și practică](#)” (2<sup>nd</sup> ed, București, May 20-21, 2021)(via Zoom)

**CUNY Conference on Climate Change Education(C4E)**, “[Teaching Students. Teaching with Students. Creating Opportunities to Change the World.](#)” (grant presentation; student work: <https://barnardsabin.org/>) April 21-22, 2021

**2020 Environmental Advocacy Symposium**, “Teaching Environmental Activism through Law, Policy, and Research - The Barnard Experience” (poster with former Barnard College student and subsequent TA, Alice Lampert, '21) Pace University, June 10, 2020 (via zoom)

“[Dana Neacsu on Marx, Ideological Irony and American Jurisprudence.](#)” Interview with Camelia Răghinaru. *Theory to No End. Podcast*, June 5, 2020

**Western Political Science Association - Panel 3.4 – Democratic Imaginaries in the Anthropocene?** “Ideology, Citizenship, and the Making of Ecological Activists: The Case of *Juliana v. United States*,” May 23, 2020

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship & Teaching (AKA Boulder- CoLIST)**, “Integrating Academic Law Libraries into Legal Scholarly Publishing” Washington, D.C., July 11-12, 2019

**Telos - Paul Piccone Institute & the School of Political Science - University of Haifa - Conference: Asymmetry, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Abrahamic Peace**, “[Imagining the Peace We Want. The Intersection of Cultural & Legal Narratives.](#)” (Skype presentation), November 7, 2018

**The 43rd CSA Conference**, “[Visualizing Ideological Identity: The Emoticon as the Message.](#)” La Habana, Cuba, June 4-6, 2018

**Global Legal Skills Conference XII**, “[Preparing LLMs in Advance for Academic and Legal Research.](#)” (with Aslihan Bulut) - Monterey, Mexico, March 20-21, 2017

**Shaping the Future Conference**, Panelist: “What’s Next?: The Future of Content - Law Repositories,” William & Mary Law Library, Williamsburg, VA, March 30-31, 2015

**Dag Hammarskjöld Library, The Launch of the 2010 Yearbook of the United Nations, the Department of Public Information Yearbook Unit**, [Invited Speaker](#), New York, NY, December 15, 2014.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

*New York State Bar* (inactive)

*IFLA*

*AALL*

*WPLLA*

*Paul Piccone Institute, Inc.*

**LANGUAGES:**

*English, French, Italian, Latin (poetry reading), Hebrew (katzat), Romanian.*