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# Regional Sociolegal Studies Conference



Tuesday, May 19, 2009  
University at Buffalo Law School

## PRO BONO, LAWYERS, AND THE STATE: CROSS-BORDER PERSPECTIVES

### PROGRAM

Conference Center, 509 O'Brian Hall

9:30 – 10:00 Registration, coffee and muffins

10:00

Welcome

**Rebecca R. French**

Director, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, University at Buffalo Law School

10:00 - 12:30 **Panel: Pro Bono, Lawyers, and the State: Cross-Border Perspectives**

Moderator: **Robert Berger**

Director, Canada-US Legal Studies Centre, University at Buffalo Law School

Introductions to the Panel

**Robert Granfield**, Sociology, University at Buffalo

**Overview of the American Bar Association Survey on Pro Bono**

**Robert Granfield**, Sociology, University at Buffalo

**The Evolving Role of Pro Bono and Critical Issues regarding Pro Bono in Canada and the United States**

**Lorne Sossin**, Law, University of Toronto

**Stephen Halpern**, Political Science, University at Buffalo

**Sara Faherty**, Law, University at Buffalo

### Canadian Commentators:

**David Scott**, Board Chair, Pro Bono Law Ontario

**Mark Edelstein**, University of Toronto Law Student, Pro Bono Students of Canada

### U.S. Commentators:

**Bob Elardo**, Director, Volunteer Lawyers Project, Buffalo

**Anna Falicov**, University at Buffalo Law Student and Urban Planning Graduate Student; co-founder, University at Buffalo chapter, National Lawyers' Guild.

12:30 - 2:00 Lunch

**REGISTRATION:** All welcome. There is no registration fee, but RSVP to Anita Mazurek in the Baldy Center at [AMazurek@buffalo.edu](mailto:AMazurek@buffalo.edu), or call (716) 645-2102.

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