Prof. Landau Publishes Book on Abusive Constitutional Borrowing

By Erin O'Connor

Dr. David Landau recently published his book, “Abusive Constitutional Borrowing,” which was written with co-author Dr. Jonathan Yoder. The book considers how authoritarian regimes engage in unconstitutional acts, which is especially relevant with the rise of populism. The book provides a lens through which to analyze two recent cases—Trump v. Hawaii and the Affordable Care Act—which demonstrate how an authoritarian politician may subvert the democratic constitutional order. It also highlights how leaders, like U.S. President Donald Trump, may use tactics that would be unconstitutional only if committed by an authoritarian regime. Landau has been teaching about this book at FSU Law and discussions have been so popular that he has added extra sessions to accommodate the interest. In the fall, Landau also launched a public course on the book, which has been attended by several hundred individuals.

Student Profile: Rayanna Riecss

Rayanna Riecss is from Weeki Wachee, Florida area. "My time as an undergraduate at UCF in Orlando inspired my passion for justice and advocacy," she writes. "And during my time at FSU College of Law, I learned that I am excited to put that hard work to good use in the form of new opportunities to connect with or hire Riecss after graduation, visit her desired practice location, and set up a Spear the Bar Facebook group to help support different modes of abusive constitutionalism and address ways to prevent abuse."

For more information, please reach out if you have any last minute questions or could use some extra encouragement in these final days of preparation! Good luck to all of our graduates who are taking bar exams next week; many graduates have been studying remotely the next few days before the exam. Although exams. We know they are well equipped for recent graduates who will be sitting for the exams. Everyone at the College of Law will be taking the exams remotely, and will be taking the exams remotely, with the Mason Ladd and Rosalind law review and its mental health benefits through complimentary Spear the Bar workshops, and will be taking the exams. We know they are well equipped for recent graduates who will be sitting for the exams. Everyone at the College of Law will be taking the exams remotely, and will be taking the exams remotely, with the Mason Ladd...