CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOUIS D. BRANDEIS’ APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

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Louis D. Brandeis, the Supreme Court and American Democracy

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THIS EVENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A SEMESTER-LONG CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOUIS D. BRANDEIS’ SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS AND TO READ 10 ESSAYS SPECIFICALLY COMMISSIONED FOR THE CENTENNIAL, VISIT WWW.BRANDEIS.EDU/LDB-100.
SPEAKERS
LISA M. LYNCH

Lisa M. Lynch is interim president of Brandeis University and the Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy. Her research examines the impact of technological change and organizational innovation on productivity and wages. Lynch was chief economist at the U.S. Department of Labor (1995-97); director and chair of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (2004-09); and president of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (2013-14). A former faculty member at Tufts University, MIT, the Ohio State University and Bristol University, she earned a BA at Wellesley College and an MS and a PhD at the London School of Economics.
Ruth Bader Ginsburg, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on March 15, 1933. She married Martin D. Ginsburg in 1954 and has a daughter, Jane, and a son, James. She received a BA from Cornell University, attended Harvard Law School, and earned an LLB from Columbia Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Edmund L. Palmieri, judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, from 1959-61. From 1961-63, she was a research associate and then associate director of the Columbia Law School Project on International Procedure. She was a professor of law at Rutgers University School of Law from 1963-72 and Columbia Law School from 1972-80, and she was a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Stanford, Calif., from 1977-78. In 1971, she co-founded the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. She served as the ACLU's general counsel from 1973-80 and on the national board of directors from 1974-80. She served on the board and executive committee of the American Bar Foundation from 1979-89, on the board of editors of the American Bar Association Journal from 1972-78 and on the council of the American Law Institute from 1978-93. She was appointed a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1980. President Clinton nominated her as an associate justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat on Aug. 10, 1993.
FREDERICK M. LAWRENCE

Frederick M. Lawrence is a senior research scholar at Yale Law School, a professor of politics at Brandeis University and the former president of Brandeis.

An accomplished scholar, teacher and attorney, Lawrence is one of the nation’s leading experts on civil rights, free expression and bias crimes. He is the author of “Punishing Hate: Bias Crimes Under American Law” (1999), which examines bias-motivated violence and the laws governing how such violence is punished in the United States. He has testified before Congress concerning federal hate crime legislation, was the keynote speaker at the meeting of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on bias-motivated violence, was a senior research fellow at University College London, and received a Ford Foundation grant to study bias-motivated violence in the U.K. Lawrence serves on the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League, the board of trustees of Beyond Conflict and the advisory board of RANE (Risk Assistance Network + Exchange).

As president of Brandeis, Lawrence strengthened ties between the university and its alumni and focused on sustaining the university’s historical commitment to educational access through financial aid. His accomplishments during his presidency included restoring fiscal stability to the university and overseeing record-setting increases in admissions applications, undergraduate financial aid and the university’s endowment. An acclaimed teacher, Lawrence taught an undergraduate seminar on punishment and crime that became one of the most popular undergraduate courses offered at Brandeis. He supported student innovation, including bVIEW, a conference by and for college students focused on future-oriented programming that depolarizes campus conversations about Israel, and ‘DEIS Impact, Brandeis’ annual student-run festival of social justice.

Lawrence earned a bachelor’s degree, magna cum laude, from Williams College in 1977 and a law degree in 1980 from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal.
CHIEF JUSTICE RALPH D. GANTS

Ralph D. Gants is chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He was appointed associate justice of the Superior Court in 1997 by Gov. William Weld. In 2008, he served as administrative justice of the Superior Court’s Business Litigation Session. He chaired the Superior Court Rules Committee and was a member of the Supreme Judicial Court’s Standing Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure and its Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Study Canon 3B(9) of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Gov. Deval Patrick appointed him to the Supreme Judicial Court in January 2009 as an associate justice. In 2014, he was appointed the 37th chief justice by Gov. Patrick. Gants served as co-chair of the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission from 2010-15 and chaired the standing committee that revised the model jury instructions on homicide in 2013.

Gants earned an AB from Harvard College in 1976, graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. The following year, he completed a diploma in criminology at Cambridge University in England. In 1980, he earned a JD, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he was note editor of the Harvard Law Review. After graduation, Gants served as law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Eugene H. Nickerson. From 1981-83, he was special assistant to Judge William H. Webster, director of the FBI. In 1983, he was appointed assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts, serving as chief of the Public Corruption Division from 1988-91. In 1991, he joined the Boston law firm formerly known as Palmer & Dodge LLP, becoming a partner in 1994.

He has taught at Harvard Law School, New England School of Law and Northeastern University School of Law. In 2012, he was awarded the Boston Bar Association Citation of Judicial Excellence and the Suffolk Law School Public Service Award.
PHILIPPA STRUM '59

Philippa Strum '59 is a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is a biographer of Louis D. Brandeis, having authored “Louis D. Brandeis: Justice for the People” (1984), which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in biography, and many other works about Justice Brandeis. Her latest book, “Speaking Freely: Whitney v. California and American Speech Law” (2015), is about the 1927 Supreme Court decision that featured a notable concurrence by Justice Brandeis defending freedom of speech. She was formerly the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars’ director of the Division of United States Studies, and she is the Broeklundian Professor of Political Science Emerita, City University of New York.

A graduate of Brandeis University, Strum holds an EdM from Harvard University and a PhD from The New School. She has published widely on topics such as the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. presidency, civil liberties, and women and politics. Her prize-winning books include “Presidential Power and American Democracy” (1972, 1979); “Supreme Court and Political Questions” (1974); “The Women Are Marching: The Second Sex and the Palestinian Revolution” (1992); “Brandeis: Beyond Progressivism” (1993); “Privacy: The Debate in the United States Since 1945” (1998); “When the Nazis Came to Skokie: Freedom for Speech We Hate” (1999); “Women in the Barracks: The VMI Case and Equal Rights” (2002); and “Mendez v. Westminster: School Desegregation and Mexican-American Rights” (2010).

In 1994, she received the Hughes-Gossett Award for scholarly writing about the U.S. Supreme Court, presented at the court by Chief Justice William Rehnquist.
JEFFREY TOOBIN

Jeffrey Toobin, a staff writer for The New Yorker and a senior analyst for CNN, is one of the most recognized and admired legal journalists in the country. His most recent book, “The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court,” was published by Doubleday in 2012 and was a New York Times best-seller. “The Oath” followed “The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court” (2007), which was also a best-seller and earned the 2008 J. Anthony Lukas Prize for Nonfiction from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University. His new book, “Urban Guerrilla: The Strange Saga of Patricia Hearst and the Symbionese Liberation Army,” will be published by Doubleday in fall 2016.

Toobin, who is also a noted lecturer, has written several other critically acclaimed, best-selling books, including: “The Run of His Life: The People v. O.J. Simpson” (1996); “A Vast Conspiracy: The Real Story of the Sex Scandal That Nearly Brought Down a President” (1999); and “Too Close to Call: The 36-Day Battle to Decide the 2000 Election” (2001). Toobin’s “The Run of His Life” is the basis for a 10-part miniseries, to be broadcast on FX in 2016, starring John Travolta and Cuba Gooding Jr.

Previously, Toobin served as an assistant U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y. He also served as an associate counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence E. Walsh, an experience that provided the basis for his first book, “Opening Arguments: A Young Lawyer’s First Case — United States v. Oliver North” (1991).

Toobin earned his bachelor’s degree from Harvard College and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.
JUDGE MARK L. WOLF

Mark L. Wolf is a senior judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. He was appointed to the court in 1985 and served as its chief judge from 2006-12. He has previously served as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States; chair of the Committee of District Judges on the Judicial Conference; and member of the Judicial Conference Committees on Criminal Law, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and Codes of Conduct.

Wolf also previously served in the Department of Justice as special assistant to the U.S. deputy attorney general (1974) and the U.S. attorney general (1975-77). He was deputy U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts and chief of the Public Corruption unit in that office (1981-85). He was also in private practice in Washington, D.C. (1971-74) and in Boston (1977-81).

Among other honors, Wolf received a certificate of appreciation from President Gerald Ford for his work in the resettlement of Indochinese refugees (1976), the Attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award (1984), an honorary degree from Boston Latin School (1990), the Boston Bar Association’s Citation for Judicial Excellence (2002 and 2007), and similar citations from the Boston Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2009) and the Massachusetts Bar Association (2012). He is also chairman emeritus of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, past chair of the Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship and chair of the John William Ward Public Service Fellowship.

Wolf was a fellow of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University for the spring 2014 semester. He has taught courses on the role of the judge in American democracy at New England Law and the law schools of Harvard, Boston College and the University of California, Irvine.

Wolf is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School.
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PANELISTS
Frances Malino, Wellesley College
Yehudah Mirsky, Brandeis University
Jonathan D. Sarna ’75, MA’75, Brandeis University

COMMENTATOR
Rachel Fish, PhD’13, Brandeis University

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Marty Krauss, PhD’81, Brandeis University

MODERATOR
Daniel Terris, Brandeis University

PANELISTS
Richard Adelstein, Wesleyan University
Alexis Goldstein, Americans for Financial Reform
Jeffrey Rosen, the National Constitution Center, the George Washington University

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MODERATOR
Dan Breen, Brandeis University

PANELISTS
Anita L. Allen, University of Pennsylvania
Shane Harris, The Daily Beast
Steven A. Mirmina ’89, NASA Office of the General Counsel,
   Georgetown University Law School

COMMENTATOR
Marion Smiley, Brandeis University

Jewish Justices and the Expanding Diversity of the Supreme Court
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Susan J. Birren, Brandeis University

MODERATOR
Jonathan D. Sarna ’75, MA’75, Brandeis University

PANELISTS
David Dalin, PhD’77, Ave Maria University
Chris Geidner, BuzzFeed
Linda Greene, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School

COMMENTATOR
Rajesh Sampath, Brandeis University
Speech and Participation in a Democracy: What Are the Rights and Responsibilities of the Educated Citizen?

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Irving R. Epstein, Brandeis University

MODERATOR
Stephen Whitfield, PhD’72, Brandeis University

PANELISTS
Leslie Kendrick, University of Virginia School of Law
Jon D. Levy, U.S. District Court for the District of Maine
Philippa Strum ’59, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

COMMENTATOR
Anita Hill, Brandeis University
In 1916, Boston lawyer Louis Dembitz Brandeis was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, the first Jewish person in that distinguished role.

In a judicial career spanning 23 years, Justice Brandeis helped shape the law through visionary opinions that continue to influence public discourse and American jurisprudence. His ideas about privacy, free speech, inequality and a host of other issues underpinning democratic society illuminate our understanding of many pressing 21st-century challenges.

Though he died before the founding of the university named for him, Justice Brandeis’ intellectual and moral legacy continues to inspire learning, teaching and scholarship at Brandeis University.

During 2016, the centennial of his appointment, we celebrate Louis Brandeis’ singular contributions to law and justice and the continuing pursuit of those ideals.
IF WE WOULD GUIDE BY THE LIGHT OF REASON, WE MUST LET OUR MINDS BE BOLD.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS
Support for the centennial celebration comes from Brandeis University and from the Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice, founded by Jules Bernstein ’57 and his wife, Linda Lipsett.