THE SECOND GENERATION OF
SECOND AMENDMENT LAW AND POLICY
April 8, 2016
New York University School of Law
Symposium Agenda

9:00 A.M.  REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:20 A.M.  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

9:30 A.M.  PANEL ONE – SECOND AMENDMENT THEORY AND DOCTRINE
This panel will discuss the historical role of the state in constructing legal self-defense, public interests in Second Amendment doctrine, and what federal judicial implementation of the right to keep and bear arms means for theories about the relationship between federal and state courts.

Moderator: Kate Shaw, Assistant Professor of Law, Cardozo Law School
Darrell Miller, Professor of Law, Duke Law School
Michael O’Shea, Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University School of Law
Eric Ruben, Fellow, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law

10:30 A.M.  BREAK

10:45 A.M.  PANEL TWO – SECOND AMENDMENT HISTORICISM AND PHILOSOPHY
This panel will contextualize the debate over the meaning of the Second Amendment by discussing historically acceptable restrictions on the keeping and bearing of arms, as well as the views of John Locke and John Adams about the scope of the historical right.

Moderator: Joseph Blocher, Professor of Law, Duke Law School
Saul Cornell, Paul and Diane Guenther Chair in American History, Fordham University
Firmin Debrabander, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Maryland Institute College of Art
Richard Samuelson, Associate Professor of History, California State University, San Bernardino
Robert Spitzer, Distinguished Service Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department, State University of New York, Cortland

12:00 P.M.  LUNCH
12:30 P.M.  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Introduction: John Kowal, Vice President, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law
Honorable Chris Murphy, United States Senator, Connecticut

1:30 P.M.  BREAK

1:45 P.M.  PANEL THREE – SECOND AMENDMENT EMPIRICISM, TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY
This panel will discuss what empirical data says about efforts to seize guns from “dangerous persons”; how technological innovation—in particular, 3-D printing—may change the legal and policy debate; and the rise of Second Amendment insurrectionism and what it means for firearms policy.

Moderator: Zoe Fuhr, Fellow, Center for Research in Crime and Justice, New York University School of Law
Jim Jacobs, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger Professor of Constitutional Law and the Courts, New York University School of Law
Joshua Horwitz, Visiting Scholar, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Executive Director, Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence
Jeffrey Swanson, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Duke University School of Medicine

2:45 P.M.  BREAK

3:00 P.M.  PANEL FOUR – SECOND AMENDMENT INTERSECTIONALITY
This panel will focus on the intersection of the Second Amendment, firearms, and self-defense with issues relating to race and gender.

Moderator: Darrell Miller, Professor of Law, Duke Law School
Jennifer Carlson, Assistant Professor, School of Sociology and School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona
Kristin Goss, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Political Science, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University
Nicholas Johnson, Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

4:00 P.M.  A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW LEGAL CHANGE HAPPENS, 27 YEARS AFTER THE EMBARRASSING SECOND AMENDMENT

Introduction: Michael Waldman, President, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law
Sanford Levinson, W. St. John Garwood and W. St. John Garwood, Jr. Centennial Chair and Professor of Government, University of Texas at Austin School of Law
Adam Winkler, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law

4:45 P.M.  CLOSING