

## NEW TO THE BRANDEIS SCHOOL OF LAW

# ORDERED LIBERTY FELLOWSHIPS

The Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville is pleased to announce the launch of its Ordered Liberty Program to commence Fall 2019.

Although new to the law school, the idea of “ordered liberty” is hardly novel. Rooted in Aristotle and Cicero, ordered liberty was given its fullest articulation in the 18th Century writings of Irish statesman Edmund Burke. In his famed attacks on the radical decadence of the French Revolution, Burke made clear the good society depends not on utopian human constructs, but instead on the measured consideration of three time-tested virtues: justice, order, and freedom.

Here in the United States, the idea of ordered liberty sits—often too quietly—at the core of our constitutional republic. “The founders of the American Republic,” wrote Russell Kirk, “equally detested tyranny and anarchy” and were “determined to establish an enduring political constitution that would recognize the claims of justice, order, and freedom.” Consistent with this vision, the U.S. Supreme Court has explained the Fourteenth Amendment guarantees for all Americans those rights “found to be implicit in the concept of ordered liberty.”



The Ordered Liberty Program at the University of Louisville commits itself to the enduring project of finding the right arrangement—in our time—of justice, order, and freedom. Toward this end, the Program will promote the advanced study of five concepts: Federalism, Separation of Powers, Originalism, Natural Rights, and the Common Good.

## STUDENT FELLOWS

The most valued aspect of the Ordered Liberty Program is the Fellowship Program. The Fellowship Program offers law students an unrivaled opportunity to work closely with legal scholars, judges, and leading practitioners in areas of shared academic interest. In Spring 2019, the Program will select its inaugural Fellows from each of the three law school classes.

Fellows will assist the Ordered Liberty Program in a variety of ways. First, the Fellows will gather monthly for dinner and discussion of an influential essay on ordered liberty, usually at the home of a professor. Second, they will travel as a group on one funded trip per semester, organized by the Program’s directors. Third, each Fellow will produce a research paper in an area of interest relating to ordered liberty. Projects will be finished during the upper-level years of study, for credit towards graduation, either in conjunction with work on one of the law school’s journals or through an independent study with one of the Program’s directors. (Note: the research paper will be elective for rising 3Ls.)

## HOW TO APPLY

Ordered Liberty Fellows will be selected through a competitive process overseen by the Program’s co-directors, Professor Luke Milligan and Professor Justin Walker.

To apply to be an Ordered Liberty Fellow, upper-level students should submit (1) a resume and (2) a one-page statement of interest to Assistant Dean for Admissions Renée Ferrell at [renee.ferrell@louisville.edu](mailto:renee.ferrell@louisville.edu). Please include the subject line “Ordered Liberty Fellowship Application.” Applications are due by May 15, 2019, for priority consideration.