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## Conference Schedule

**Friday, March 7, 2014**

*Wasserstein Hall 1019*

3:15-3:45 pm	Welcome and Registration
3:45-4:00 pm	Opening Remarks by Ashwin Phatak, DEVO Chair, Harvard Law Review (Volume 127)
4:00-4:30 pm	Clement Lee, Immigration Equality
4:30-5:00 pm	Virginia Goggin, NYC Anti-Violence Project
5:00-5:30 pm	Meet and Greet
5:30-6:00 pm	Neal Minahan, McDermott Will & Emery, LLP
6:00-6:30 pm	Eliel Cruz, Intercollegiate Adventist Gay-Straight Alliance Coalition
6:30-7:00 pm	Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, The Center for HIV Law and Policy

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*Milstein East C Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)*

7:00-8:00 pm	Closing Reception
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## Speakers

### **Ashwin Phatak, DEVO Chair, Harvard Law Review (Vol. 127)**



Ashwin Phatak is a 3L at Harvard Law School. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Tufts University in 2009, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Philosophy. Before law school, Ashwin worked as a paralegal at the Criminal Division, Appellate Section of the U.S. Justice

Department. In law school, Ashwin served as Co-President of HLS Lambda from 2012-2013. He was also a finalist in the Ames Moot Court Competition, and serves as an editor on the *Harvard Law Review*. Ashwin coordinated this year's edition of the *Law Review's* Developments in the Law feature, which focused on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law.

### **Clement Lee, Legal Director, Immigration Equality**



Clement Lee, a staff attorney at Immigration Equality, directly represents both detained and non-detained LGBT asylum seekers in immigration court. Many of his clients are undocumented LGBT immigrants pushed to the fringes of the formal economy who consequently have little choice but to resort to criminalized ways of making a living. Clem also advocates with Immigration and Customs Enforcement for detention policy reform for

LGBT and HIV positive immigrants. Clem obtained his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. He has provided testimony at both Congressional and New York City council hearings on

LGBT immigration detention and solitary confinement. He has also worked with incarcerated LGBT immigrants at the Sex Workers Project at the Urban Justice Center, and researched resettlement issues facing LGBT refugees at the Organization For Refuge, Asylum, and Migration. Prior to that, Clem was a legal intern at Lambda Legal where he worked toward same-sex marriage recognition in Maryland, as well as issues facing homeless LGBT youth in Minnesota.

**Virginia Goggin, Staff Attorney, NYC Anti-Violence Project**



Virginia is a staff attorney at the NYC Anti-Violence Project. AVP works to empower lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected communities and allies to end all forms of violence through organizing and education, and supports survivors through counseling and advocacy.

**Neal Minahan, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery, LLP**



Neal is a partner at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, specializing in complex business disputes, government enforcement actions, and corporate compliance investigations. While maintaining an active private practice, Neal has devoted himself to a series of significant civil rights cases affecting LGBT and institutionalized persons in the State of Massachusetts. Most notably, Neal successfully argued *Battista v. Clarke*, a landmark case before the US Court of Appeals that secured the right for transgender prisoners to receive hormone treatment. For this work, Neal was honored with the American Bar Association's 2012 Pro Bono Publico Award.

Neal serves as President and Chair of the Board of Directors for BAGLY, Inc., a 34-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting, protecting, and empowering the LGBT youth of Massachusetts. Neal is Chair of the MassEquality Political Action Committee, which supports candidates who champion LGBT causes. Neal serves on the MA task force on LGBT Youth in the Courts as well as the MA LGBTQ Bar Association's Task Force on Transgender Equality in the Military.

Neal advises local and national political leaders on LGBT youth and transgender issues and regularly addresses LGBT issues in the news media. In 2013, he was invited by Sen. Elizabeth Warren to present on LGBT youth issues at the U.S. Capitol. Neal was recently named one of the country's "Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40" by the National LGBT Bar Association, and featured as an "Up and Coming" lawyer by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly.

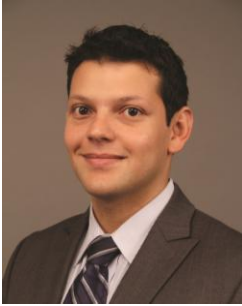
**Eliel Cruz, President, Intercollegiate Adventist Gay-Straight Alliance Coalition**



New York-based author Eliel Cruz is the president and co-founder of the Intercollegiate Adventist Gay-Straight Alliance Coalition, a 501(c)3 organization which represents six unofficial LGBT-straight alliance groups on Seventh-day Adventists educational institutions nationwide. He is currently a student at the Seventh-day Adventist flagship educational institution, Andrews University.

An aspiring author, Eliel frequently blogs on the topics of sexuality and religion as seen at The Huffington Post, The Advocate, Believe Out Loud, Campus Pride Blog, Spectrum, Patheos, and various other publications.

## **Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Legal Director, The Center for HIV Law and Policy**



Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Legal Director of The Center for HIV Law and Policy, is a civil rights attorney specializing in legal issues affecting the LGBT/HIV community. His cases have been featured in the New York Times and New York Law Journal, and he speaks nationally on civil rights issues. Most recently, Espinoza-Madrigal worked at Lambda Legal, where he focused on marriage

equality, immigration, and issues affecting LGBT and HIV-affected people of color. Previously, he handled MALDEF's immigrants' rights docket, including a challenge to Arizona's immigration law, and a landmark U.S. Supreme Court voting rights case. He also worked at Fried Frank, where he defended the municipal identification card of New Haven, Connecticut, against an attempt to dismantle the program – a case that had a direct impact on cities across the country. Espinoza-Madrigal clerked for Judge Clay in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and Judge Ellis in the U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y. He received a JD from NYU School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, and a BA, summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Pennsylvania. The National LGBT Bar Association has recognized him as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40.

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