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NEALSB 2026 Annual Conference

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

Cooperstown, New York

Friday, May 1, 2026 – Sunday, May 3, 2026

NEALSB 2026 Conference Overview

Friday

May 1, 2026

7:00pm – 9:00pm **Welcome/Meet-Up (Optional)**
Cooperstown Distillery
73 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York

Saturday

May 2, 2026 **The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, NY**
(Conference Room - *Baseball Discovery Zone*)

9:00am – 9:30am **Light Breakfast, Bagels & Danishes, Coffee/Tea**

9:30am – 9:45am **Introductions, Conference Program, Logistics**

9:45am – 10:45am **Academic Session I**

10:45am – 11:00am **Break**

11:00am-12:00pm **Academic Session II**

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Lunch – FOOD MUST REMAIN IN THE BASEBALL DISCOVERY ZONE**

1:00pm – 2:20pm **Academic Session III**

2:20pm – 5:00pm **Networking & Collaboration Sessions**

7:00pm – 9:00pm **Dinner (Optional)**
Mel's on 22
22 Chestnut Street, Cooperstown, New York

Sunday

May 3, 2026 **The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum**
(Conference Room - *Baseball Discovery Zone*)

9:00am – 9:30am **Light Breakfast of Bagels & Danishes, Coffee/Tea**

9:30am – 10:30am **Academic Session IV**

10:30 – 11:00am **Awards, Conference Close**

11:00am – 12:00pm **NEALSB Business Meeting**

Time	Session Chair	Presenter	No.	Paper Title	University Affiliation
Saturday May 2nd <p style="text-align: center;">ACADEMIC SESSION I (9:45am – 10:45am)</p>					
9:45am	Sean Shannon, Session Chair	Elizabeth Marcuccio, <i>Professor of Business Law</i>	1	<i>Beyond Property: How Laws are Redefining the Status of Pets</i>	Siena University
10:05am		Winston Spencer Waters, <i>Professor of Law</i>	2	<i>Is Facial Recognition Technology Racially Biased</i>	Adelphi University
10:25am		Regina Stuart, <i>Assistant Professor, Legal Studies</i>	3	<i>Having Their Cake and Eating It Too: Can Businesses Open to the Public Discriminate in the Name of Free Speech?</i>	St. John's University
<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee/Tea Break (10:45am – 11:00am)</p>					

Academic Session II (11:00am to 12:00am)

11:00am	Nicole Norval, Session Chair	Matthew Cummings, <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	1	<i>Child Labor and the Collapse of Federal Enforcement</i>	Bentley University
11:20am		Nicholas Misenti, <i>Assistant Professor Accounting & Finance</i>	2	<i>Mandatory Annual Realization and the Constitution: Extending the Logic of Required Minimum Distributions to Wealth-Based Taxation</i>	University of Hartford
11:40am		Leslie Garbarino, <i>Associate Professor of Law</i> & H. Justin Pace, <i>Associate Professor of Business Law</i>	3	<i>Liquidated Damages and Mitigation of Damages in Head Football Coach Contracts at Public Universities</i>	Babson College & Western Carolina University

LUNCH (12:00 – 1:00pm) FOOD MUST REMAIN IN THE DISCOVERY ZONE

Academic Session III (1:00pm – 2:20pm)

1:00pm	Elizabeth Marcuccio, Session Chair	Dr. Wonda Grobbelaar, <i>Assistant Professor</i>	1	<i>The Silence Epidemic: Social Pressure, Pluralistic Ignorance, and Automation in Human– Machine Teams</i>	State University of New York at Oneonta
1:20pm		Jehan El-Jourbagy, <i>Associate Professor</i>	2	<i>COASTAL EROSION: A PERFECT STORM FOR PROPERTY, INSURANCE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW</i>	Georgia College & State University
1:40pm		Patricia Sheridan, <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	3	<i>Increasing Parental Engagement: Prior Notification For Non- Emergency School Disciplinary Investigations</i>	Manhattan University
2:00pm		Charlene Foley-Deno, <i>Assistant Professor of Accounting</i>	4	<i>Service Learning for Accountants</i>	State University of New York at Oneonta

Sunday, May 3rd

Academic Session IV (9:30am – 10:30am)

9:30am	Patricia Sheridan, Session Chair	Nicole Norval, <i>Adjunct Professor of Business Law</i>	1	<i>ESSENTIAL, EFFICIENT, AND ATTAINABLE : TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION FOR BUSINESS COMPLIANCE</i>	University of Connecticut
9:50am		John Paul, <i>Associate Professor, Accounting, Economics & Legal Studies</i>	2	<i>Evidence-Based Housing Policy: A Global Perspective on Sustainable Solutions for Homelessness</i>	CUNY Brooklyn College
10:10am		Sean Shannon, <i>Assistant Professor of Business Law</i>	3	<i>The Legal Deconstruction of a Happy Meal</i>	State University of New York at Oneonta