Northeastern University School of Law welcomes three outstanding scholars and teachers to our faculty this fall.

**Aziza Ahmed**
Assistant Professor of Law  
Emory University, BA 2000  
Harvard University, MS 2003  
UC Berkeley, JD 2007

Professor Ahmed teaches reproductive and sexual health and rights, international health law, and property. With both a master’s degree in public health and a JD, her research areas lie at the intersection of health and law, human rights, feminist, critical race and critical legal theory.

Prior to joining the Northeastern faculty, Professor Ahmed was a research associate at the Harvard School of Public Health Program on International Health and Human Rights. She has also been a Ford Foundation-funded Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellow.

Professor Ahmed has worked on human rights and social justice issues in South Africa, Namibia, the Caribbean, India and the United States. She is a member of the Technical Advisory Group to the Global Commission on HIV and the Law convened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

**Michael Bennett**
Associate Professor of Law  
Florida A&M University, BS 1995  
Harvard University, JD 1998  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, PhD 2006

Professor Bennett teaches in the fields of contracts, intellectual property law, and law and technology. His National Science Foundation-funded research focuses primarily on the nexus of law and emerging technologies, with particular emphasis on nanotechnology. Professor Bennett also advises academic institutions on matters related to the generation of intellectual property, technology transfer and plagiarism.

Professor Bennett has taught at Vassar College, Michigan Technological University, the University of Virginia, Florida A&M University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from which he earned a PhD in science and technology studies. After earning his JD, he practiced as an associate with the Chicago law firm Brinks, Hofer, Gilson and Lione.

**Kara Swanson**
Associate Professor of Law  
Yale University, BS 1987  
UC Berkeley, MA 1988, JD 1992  
Harvard University, PhD 2009

Professor Swanson’s interests are in intellectual property law, the history of science, medicine, and technology and legal history. Before coming to Northeastern, Professor Swanson was the Berger-Howe Visiting Fellow in Legal History at Harvard Law School and associate professor at Earle Mack School of Law, Drexel University.

With a master’s degree in biochemistry, Professor Swanson was a published research scientist before entering law school. After earning her JD, she clerked for the Honorable Cecil F. Poole, US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Honorable William H. Orrick Jr., US District Court for the Northern District of California. She then joined Dechert LLP.

Professor Swanson is currently writing a book, *Liquid Assets: How Americans Learned to Bank Their Bodies*, which draws upon her doctoral dissertation in the history of science.
“These rising stars are exciting additions to our community. They are scholars and teachers on the cutting edge of legal education and interdisciplinary research.”

– Dean Emily Spieler