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RWU Law has built a remarkably strong faculty, and this year's additions give us more curricular depth in two important areas, Intellectual Property ([click here for earlier blog item on Zoe Argento](#)) and Environmental Law. We welcome Michael Burger, who we are confident will hit the ground running. Here are his stellar academic credentials:

- B.A., Brown University, magna cum laude
- M.F.A., New York University (fiction; his advisor was E.L. Doctorow)
- J.D., Columbia University (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Articles Editor for the Columbia Journal of International Law)



Michael also has valuable post-law school experience, having served for four years as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Environmental Law Division of the New York City Corporation Counsel, where he provided advice to a range of city entities in litigation, administrative proceedings, and legislative drafting on local, state, and national issues.

Michael moved back into legal education in 2007 and taught for three years in New York University School of Law's prestigious Lawyering Program ([Andy Horwitz](#) and [Diana Hassel](#) from our faculty cut their teaching teeth in that program in the 1990s).

Michael arrives with a scholarly agenda already developed and in motion: he has published "It's not Easy Being Green: Local Initiatives, Preemption Problems, and the Market Participant Exception" in volume 78 of the University of Cincinnati Law Review and "Empowering Local Autonomy and Encouraging Innovation in Climate Change Governance: The Case for a Layered Regime," which appeared in volume 39 of the Environmental Law Reporter.

At RWU, Michael will teach Administrative Law, a range of Environmental Law electives, and his true love (remember, he has an MFA in fiction!) Law and Literature. Welcome aboard, Michael!