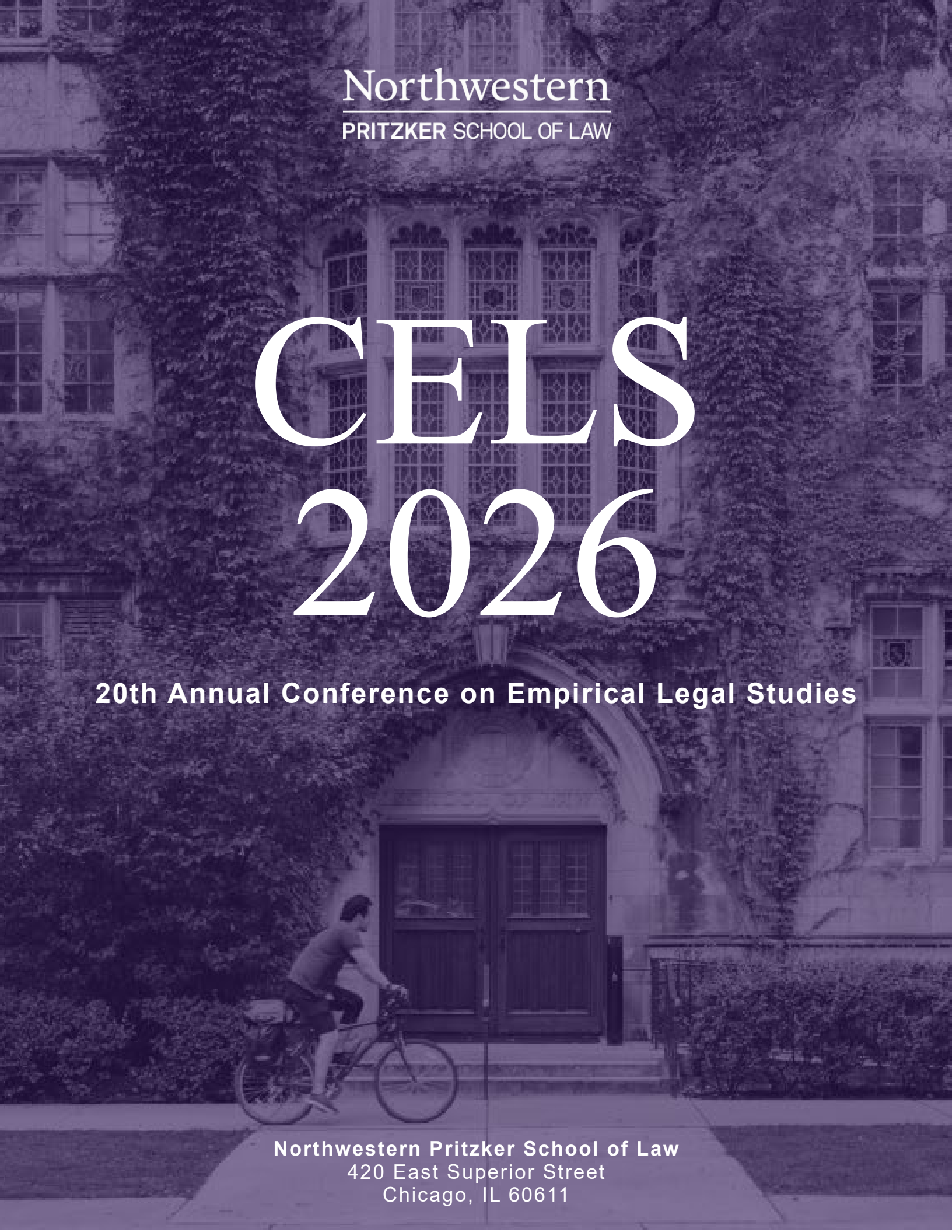


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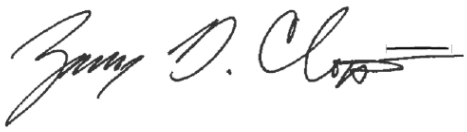
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It is my pleasure to welcome the 20th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS) to Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. We are excited to host this assembly of empirical legal scholars from around the world and to welcome you here to Chicago and Northwestern.

Northwestern Pritzker Law is a fitting home for the twentieth edition of CELS. Interdisciplinary scholarship has a long tradition at this law school, and empirical work on law has been part of that tradition for decades, carried forward by colleagues trained in economics, psychology, and political science as well as in law. Empirical legal studies matter because law is not only a body of doctrine. It is a set of institutions that produce consequences for real people, and those consequences can be measured. The work presented over these two days does exactly that.

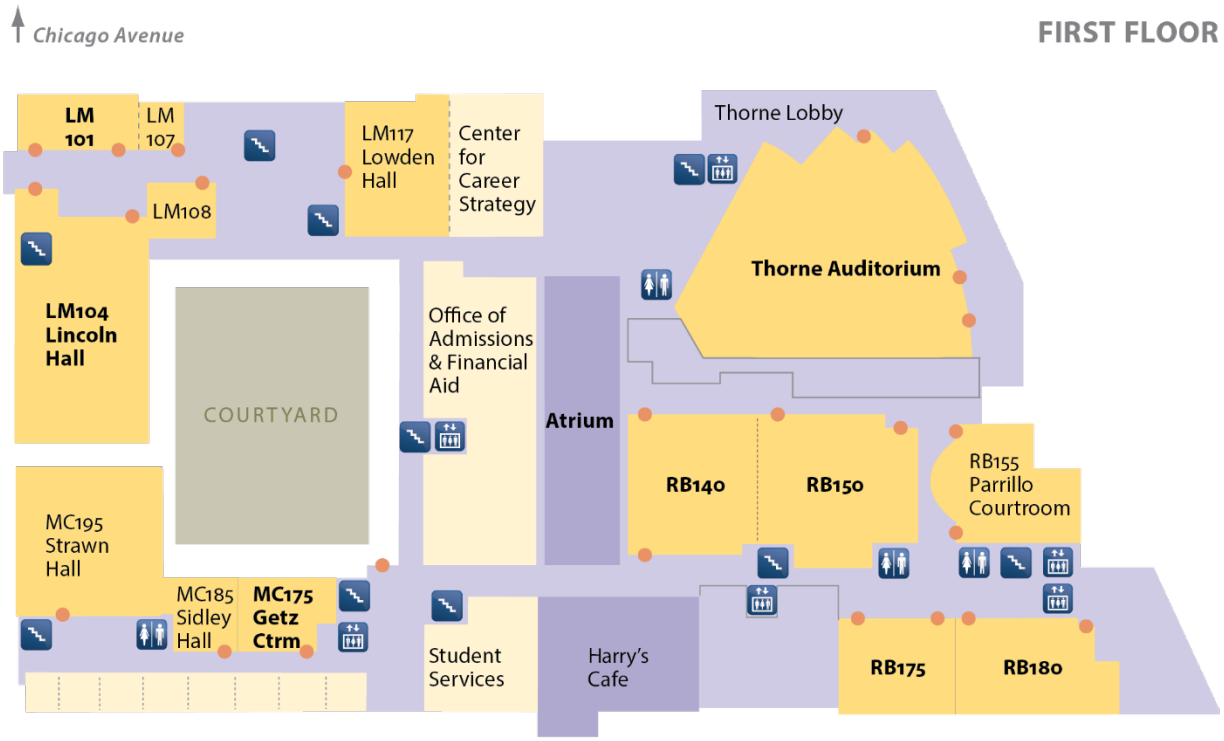
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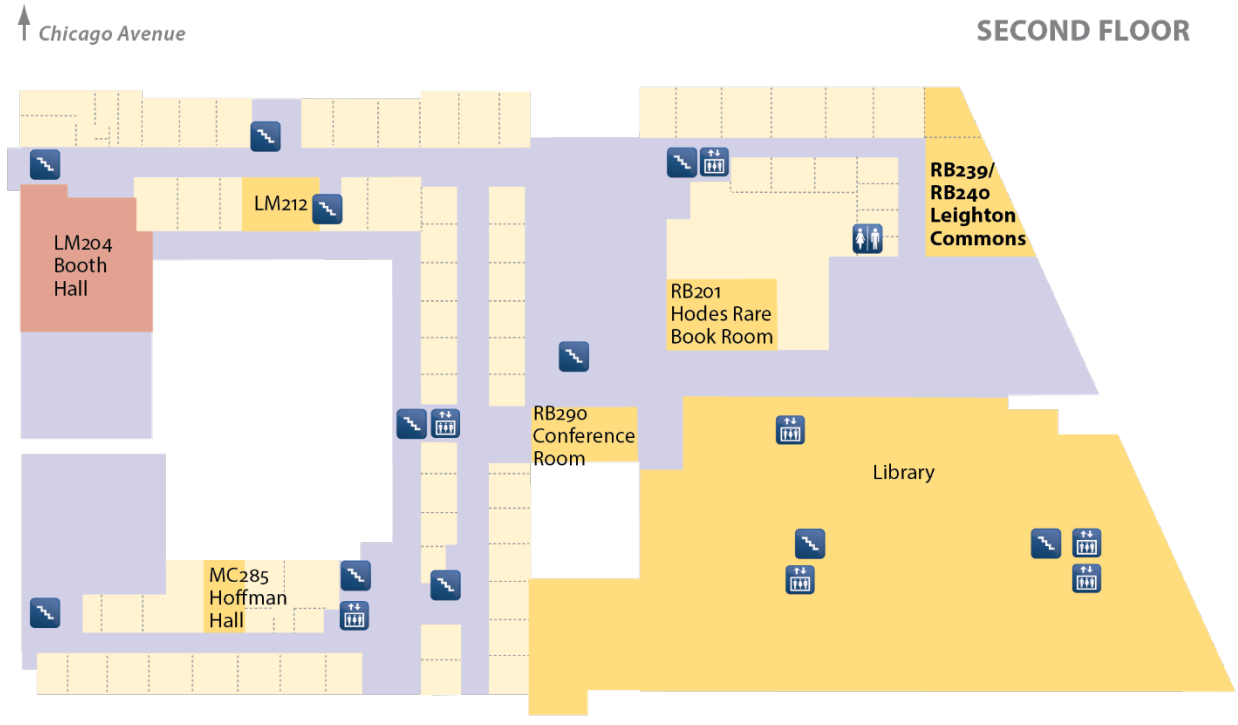
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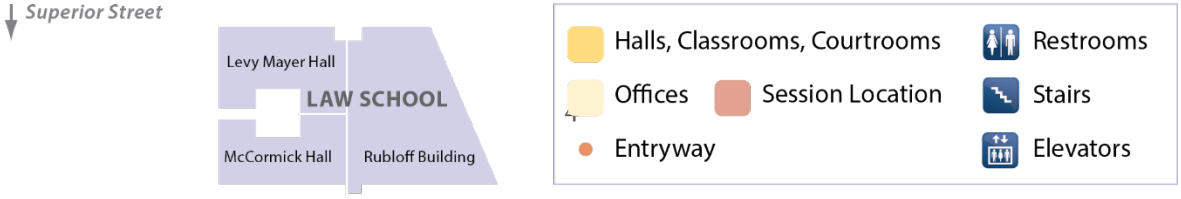


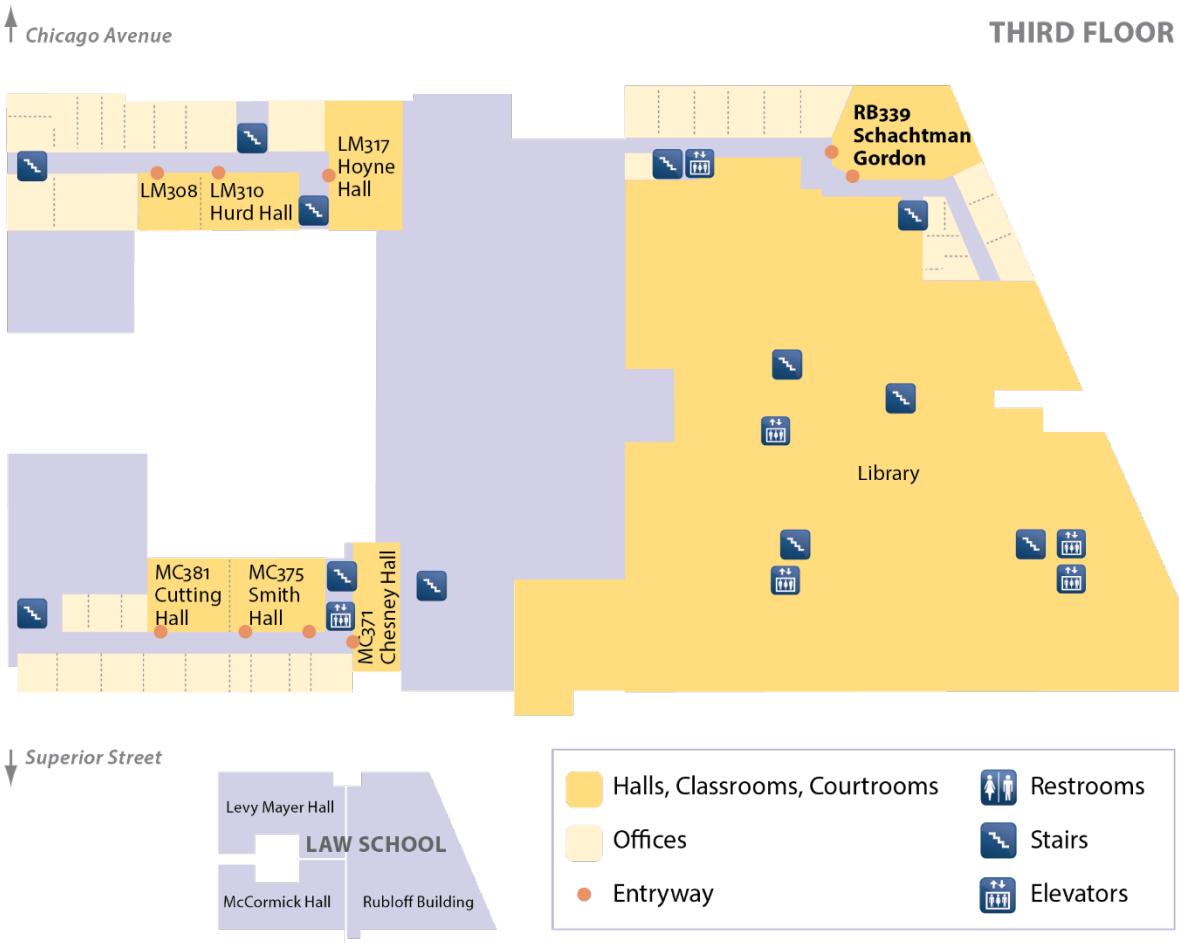
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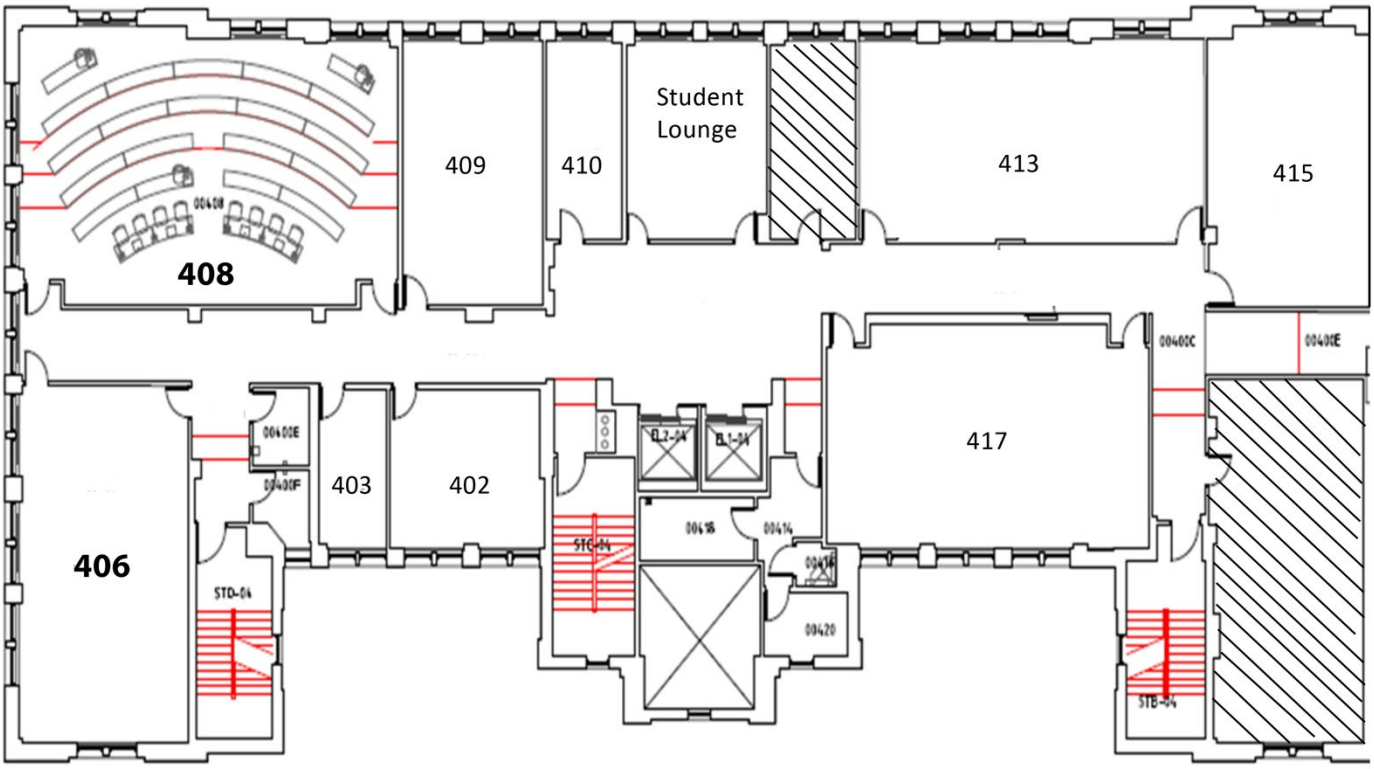


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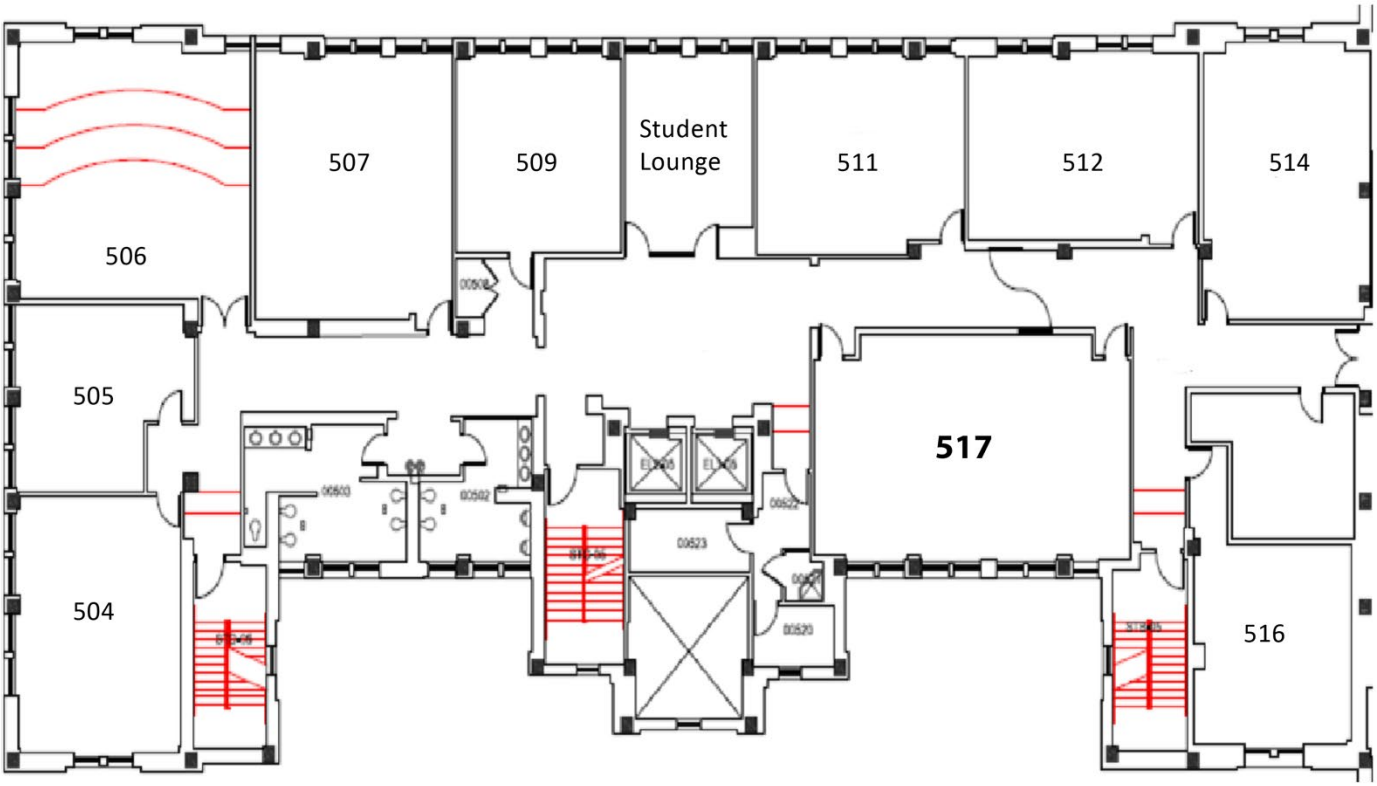


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Discussant:	**Brian Broughman**	**Jack Deschler**	**Eric Baldwin**
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