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and noting important upcoming events.*

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October 4, 2022

Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues –

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the semester's midpoint. As you can see from the many accomplishments of our colleagues captured below, it has been an eventful and productive start to the year for our academic community.

Last month we hosted the 11th Annual Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop. With 31 attendees and 30 panelists, this year's was the largest gathering in the workshop's history. Thanks to all those involved in successfully executing this year's event. (It took a village.)

The inaugural Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series kicked off with great success as we welcomed special guest Professor Tanya Hernández. We look forward to hosting Amazon General Counsel David Zapolsky as our next luminary on October 19th, and will be making some big announcements about additional VIP speakers in the weeks to come.

Our first Faculty and Senior Staff Retreat was very productive, thanks to all who participated. Judging by the many survey responses we have received, the retreat was well-received and worthwhile, and there is a strong interest in having it become an annual tradition. It will. I look forward to additional opportunities to engage with colleagues during an upcoming staff retreat on October 5th, and a separate gathering for faculty colleagues who had not participated in the initial retreat several weeks ago (date to be announced).

The signing of our partnership agreements with Jindal Global Law School, the #1 private law school in India, generated lots of positive media coverage there and good buzz in the US.

Our trip to Anchorage, Alaska, last week to meet with alumni and regional leaders was very successful, with another trip to continue key conversations in the planning stages.

Our annual James E. Bond ABA Moot Court Competition concluded with standing-room-only final rounds last week, with Martha Ridgway winning the competition and Haley Westman securing the runner-up spot. The panel of distinguished judges lavished the competitors with well-deserved praise. Thanks to the many colleagues who ensured the competition's success, with extra special appreciation to Lori Lamb for "executive producing" the competition with her impeccable flair and attention to detail.

As a reminder, to contribute to future editions of the GOOD NEWSletter, simply send your good news to lawgoodnews@seattleu.edu. We appreciate hearing about your good news concerning new

publications, presentations, board memberships, awards, media appearances, and other notable items, and to share that news immediately with key law school administrators.

#SeattleULawSoars!

Anthony E. Varona
Dean and Professor

PUBLICATIONS

Prof. Emerita Lorraine Bannai's book *Using Korematsu to Teach Across the Law School Curriculum* was published as an open access e-book on the Law School Institutional Repository, hosted by Digital Commons. The book is free and available through the [law library website](#). The book provides materials to teach key skills and concepts in Constitutional Law (co-authored with Eric Yamamoto), Professional Responsibility, Civil Procedure (co-authored with Maggie Chon and Eric Yamamoto), Law School Orientation and Introduction to Law, and Legal Research and Writing (co-authored by Stephanie Wilson), all based on the Japanese American wartime cases. Along with doctrinal lessons, each chapter uses Korematsu cases and their context to teach important lessons about the role of lawyers-both the best of the profession and those who could have done better, the role of courts, the importance of the rule of law, and how the law has and continues to struggle with issues of race and other forms of "otherness."

Prof. and Vice Dean-designate Brooke Coleman, along with co-editors **Suzette Malveaux, Portia Pedro, and Liz Porter**, published *A Guide to Civil Procedure: Integrating Critical Perspectives* (NYU Press 2022).

Prof. and Vice Dean-designate Brooke Coleman is writing an article called, *Managerial Rulemaking*. This will be published in the Review of Litigation, a symposium issue.

Prof. Richard Delgado's book review of Peter Irons' *White Men's Law: The Roots of Systemic Racism* (Oxford U. Press 2022) was accepted by Texas A&M Law Review.

Prof. Danieli Evans' article, *Criminal Law as Voter Suppression*, is forthcoming in the Michigan Journal of Race and Law in Spring 2023.

Prof. Elizabeth Ford's paper, *Wage Recovery Funds*, was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: Employee Benefits, Compensation & Pension Law eJournal, Employment, Labor, Compensation & Pension Law eJournals, LSN: Compensation Law (Topic), LSN: Other Law & Society: Private Law - Labor & Employment Law (Topic) and Law & Society: Private Law - Labor & Employment Law eJournal.

Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry's publications posted to SSRN achieved top 10% for new downloads this year.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood was quoted by *The Capitol Forum*, one of Washington, D.C.'s most comprehensive newsletters, in a story on possible collusion in the liquid petroleum industry.

Prof. Dean Spade's book, *Mutual Aid*, was published in Portuguese by a Brazilian publisher, [Editora Criacao Humana](#).

Prof. Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic had an article accepted in the Law in Society Review. It

was entitled, *An Interest-Convergence Explanation of the 2020-2022 Conservative Attack on Critical Race Theory: A Comment on Kyle Campbell's Material Constructions of Race in the Atlantic World*. The article posits three reasons why the attack appeared, gathered force, and gathered legislative support.

Profs. Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic delivered the final manuscript for a fourth edition of *Critical Race Theory: An Introduction*, to be published by N.Y.U. Press later this year. The New York Times discussed the role of this book in a recent special issue of the Sunday magazine section devoted to education.

PRESENTATIONS

In July, **Prof. Emerita Lorraine Bannai** spoke about the book at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference. The session, titled, *Stop Repeating History: Applying the Lessons of Korematsu in the 21st Century to Advance Justice for All*, was moderated by **Assoc. Dir. Stephanie Wilson**.

Professor Michael Blasie joined a team of national experts to present a multi-day National Judicial College judicial writing course to over 40 judges from across the country over zoom on September 28-29. Professor Blasie's four hours of presentation focused on plain language, editing, and reader comprehension.

Prof. and Vice Dean-designate Brooke Coleman was a panelist at Law & Society re: *A Guide to Civil Procedure*, which was held in Lisbon, but she presented virtually on July 16.

Prof. and Vice Dean-designate Brooke Coleman was a panelist at the Aoki Center at UC Davis School of Law on September 21 for *A Guide to Civil Procedure*. The virtual event was moderated by Dean Kevin Johnson & Director DE&I Alexis Elston.

Prof. Janet Dickson was a guest lecturer to students at the International Cooperation Department of Odessa State University of Internal Affairs in Ukraine on August 30.

Prof. Danieli Evans gave a presentation to over 200 judges at the Washington Courts 63rd Annual Continuing Judicial Education Conference on September 19. The topic of the presentation was "Procedural Justice, Belonging, and Trust."

Prof. Jack Kirkwood presented an analysis of *West Virginia v. EPA*, the Supreme Court decision that overturned the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan, at an event on September 1 hosted by the Environmental Law Society.

Assistant Director of the Korematsu Center Jessica Levin, along with Dr. Benjamin Danielson (UW), Maya Manus (Urban League), and Sebrena Chambers (Pierce County Health Department), sat on a multi-disciplinary panel at the 2022 Health Resources & Services Administration Region 10 Health Equity conference on September 17. The panel addressed the need to address race disproportionality in the juvenile legal system through a public health lens.

Professor Emerita Laurel Oates just finished three weeks in Uzbekistan, where she provided workshops for advocates, prosecutors, and law professors. The workshops were sponsored by USAID and focused on writing well in English, on researching and writing articles for publication in international journals, and on how to help a university set up a legal writing program. While there, she connected with alum Lola Zakharova, who was in Uzbekistan visiting family.

Profs. Mimi Samuel and Kathryn Boling presented a three-hour webinar for the WSBA on September 14 entitled *Writing Refresher: Writing Clearly, Correctly, and Convincingly*. This was the third time that they had presented this CLE for the WSBA. The first time, in February 2021, over 190 participants registered for the session, making it, at that time, the most highly attended webinar the WSBA had put

on. At the WSBA's request, they repeated the session in February 2022 and had approximately 160 participants. At the September 14 presentation, we had approximately 65 participants, for a total of 415 participants over the course of the three presentations.

Prof. Dean Spade delivered the [13th Annual Attallah Lecture](#) at Carleton University in Ottawa on September 8.

Dean Tony Varona was a speaker for the AALS panel *Thinking About Becoming a Law School Dean* on September 14.

Dean Tony Varona was a speaker at the Eleventh Annual Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop for the panel *Navigating the Intersectionalities of Race, Gender, & Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation, and Difference* as Dean on September 17.

Notable Upcoming Presentations

Prof. Kathryn Boling has been selected to present at the 10th Annual Western Regional Legal Writing Conference hosted by the University of Oregon in Eugene in October where she will be presenting on *People-Centered Legal Teaching: Centering Students' Understanding of the Law Around the People Who Make and Apply it*.

Prof. Mimi Samuel will be presenting in October in Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association. This will be part of a full day CLE on motion and brief writing.

Prof. Emerita Lorraine Bannai and Assoc. Dir. Stephanie Wilson will present *Infusing Social Justice Content Across the Curriculum: Using the Japanese American Incarceration to Teach Professional Responsibility, Intro to Law, Legal Research and Writing, Con Law, and Civ Pro*. at the annual SALT conference this October. **Prof. Emerita Bannai** is also speaking at the session about anti-Asian discrimination.

Prof. Danieli Evans is presenting a work in progress, *Ostracism and Inequality*, at the New Directions in Law and Society Conference at University of Massachusetts, Amherst on October 7-8.

Prof. Danieli Evans is presenting *Ostracism and Inequality* at the ClassCrits Conference, Unlocking Race & Class for Just Transitions, at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston, Texas on October 20-21.

Prof. and Vice Dean designate Brooke Coleman will be a panelist at an upcoming event, *Diversity in Law Firms*, at Dorsey & Whitney on October 26.

Prof. and Vice Dean designate Brooke Coleman is an invited panelist and contributor to the symposium honoring the 40th Anniversary of Judith Resnik's Managerial Judging at Yale Law School on November 4-5.

Prof. Deirdre Bowen will be presenting *State by State Legislative Action to the Sandy Hook Mass Shooting and Analysis of Subsequent Legislative Reaction* as an Oral Flash Science Presentation and *Variance in State Mental Health Firearm Prohibition Laws: a 50-state Analysis* as a Poster Presentation at the National Research Conference for Firearm Injury Prevention on November 29-December 1 in Washington, D.C.

Assoc. Dean Kristin DiBiase will be a panelist discussing *'Differences Not Deficits: Neurodiversity, Managing Accommodations, and Supporting all Student Learners'* at LexCon '22 on November 8-10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Prof. Kathryn Boling has been selected to present at the 2023 AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego, where she will be presenting on *Robust Reflection: An Essential Element of Creating an Inclusive Classroom for Students with Disabilities*. Prof. Boling is one of four presenters in the Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research Section's main program on *Disability: Engaging with an Often Overlooked Diversity Dimension in Our Classrooms*.

Prof. John Kirkwood is the current chair of the antitrust section of the AALS. Prof. Kirkwood will be the moderator for the panel, *New Threats to Antitrust Enforcement* (from increasingly restrictive administrative law and increasingly conservative courts), in San Diego in January. Speakers on the panel will include: Richard Pierce (George Washington), William Kovacic (George Washington), John Newman (Miami), and Christine Bartholomew (Buffalo).

Prof. and Vice Dean designate Brooke Coleman is an invited panelist for the AALS Section for the New Law Professors Panel, *Beginnings, Middles, and Endings: Planning Your Classes, Your Courses, and Your Career* on January 6.

Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry will be a panelist in the AALS conference in San Diego speaking on the Indian Constitution in January.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood is invited to present a paper at a symposium on March 10 in honor of Professor Robert Lande of the University of Baltimore Law School. The invitation, from the *Baltimore Law Review*, stated: "As a leading antitrust scholar, former colleague and co-author of Professor Lande, your participation would be an invaluable addition to this program honoring one of the most impactful antitrust scholars of his generation."

ALUMNI NEWS

Andy Becker '84 proves there is life after law. While still serving as Of Counsel, providing arbitration and legal services, at Becker, Franklin, & Rovang, PLLC in Port Orchard, Andy Becker has enjoyed a second career as an author. His third book, a novel, *The Kissing Rabbi: Lust, Betrayal, and a Community Turned Inside Out*, won the Chanticleer 2021 Mark Twain Award in the category of Satire and Humor. Altogether, Andy has written three additional books: *The Spiritual Gardener: Insights from the Jewish Tradition to Help Your Garden Grow*, winner of the New York City Big Book Award in the category of Home and Garden, *The Spiritual Forest: Timeless Jewish Wisdom for a Healthier Planet and a Richer Spiritual Life*, the second book in his *Spiritual Garden* series debuting this Fall, and *Cracking an Egg: Childhood Stories*. Andy is also teaching a course on writing at Tacoma Community College entitled *The Eleven Commandments of Writing* beginning this September of 2022. To learn more, feel free to visit his author website at <http://www.andybecker.life/>.

Twyla L. Carter, '07, the CEO and Attorney-in-Chief of the Legal Aid Society (of New York City), was ranked #1 in the 2022 Nonprofit Power Ranking of the most prominent and important leaders of nonprofit organizations in New York.

Justin Loveland '20 has been appointed to a three-year term on the NYC Bar Association's United Nations Committee after contributing to the Seychelles Truth, Reconciliation, and National United Commission's (almost) final report which was just filed.

Sahil Oberoi '15 became Chief Operating Officer at Utah Community Action in August. Sahil has been with the organization since 2018.

Miguel Willis '17 started the Access to Justice Tech (A2J) Fellowship Program at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School [Increasing Access to Justice • News & Events • Penn Carey Law \(upenn.edu\)](#).

MEDIA APPEARANCES, APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS, AND OTHER

NEWS

Profs. Kathryn Boling, Michael Blasie, and Janet Dickson have been selected for membership in LWI committees for the 2022-24 biennium. **Prof. Boling** will be on the “One-Day Workshops” committee, **Prof. Blasie** will be on the “Bench and Bar Outreach” committee, and **Prof. Dickson**, will be on the “Awards” committee.

Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry was elected chair-elect of the AALS South Asian Law Section.

The Eleventh Annual Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop held at Seattle University on September 16-17 was a record-breaking event in attendance.

Seattle U Law now has an exchange, immersion, and Pathway LLM program with Jindal Global Law School. In addition, from the MOU we entered into last year, we already have one student getting her JD here as part of the global accelerated program. This publicity both aligns with the **Dean Varona’s** vision to uplift our international reputation. Special thanks to **Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry** for her work in this partnership and **Director David Sandler** for his work on the press release. Below are some of the news stories:

<https://www.punjabnewsexpress.com/business/news/seattle-university-school-of-law-partners-with-op-jindal-global-university-to-provide-global-opportunities-to-law-stud-182942>

<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/business/2188829-seattle-university-school-of-law-partners-with-op-jindal-global-university-to-provide-global-opportunities-for-law-student>

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/law-schools-partner-for-global-opportunities-434731>

UPCOMING NOTABLE EVENTS (through December, with dates and specifics subject to change)

October 7-8: Prof. Danieli Evans will be presenting at **New Directions in Law and Society Conference** in Amherst, Massachusetts.

October 19: Dean’s Luminaries in Law Lecture and Conversation Series at 4:30 pm, with **Amazon General Counsel David Zapolsky**. Room TBA.

October 21-22: Prof. Danieli Evans will be presenting at the **ClassCrits Conference** in Houston, Texas.

October 25: Our **Legal Scholarship Workshop Series** hosts **Prof. Carliss Chatman (Washington and Lee)** and host of “Getting Common” podcast.

November 8: Our **Legal Scholarship Workshop Series** hosts **Prof. Darren Hutchinson (Emory)**, Inaugural John Lewis Chair for Civil Rights and Social Justice.

November 10: Prof. Dean Spade will be moderating two discussions online at 7:00 pm: **Abolish Mandatory Reporting and Family Policing | Barnard Center for Research on Women** and **November 15 at 7:00 pm: No borders! No prisons! No cops! No war! No state? | Barnard Center for Research on Women.**

November 29: Our **Legal Scholarship Workshop Series** hosts **Prof. Laura Appleman (Willamette)**, presenting *Defending the Jury: Crime, Community, and the Constitution*.

Anthony E. Varona | Dean and Professor of Law

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