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GOOD NEWSLetter



*Celebrating recent community accomplishments and
noting important forthcoming events at Seattle U Law*

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December 2, 2022

Dear Faculty and Staff Colleagues –

Can you believe that the Fall semester is almost over? Congratulations and thanks to each of you for your hard work in delivering a rich and vibrant semester for our students. We have much to celebrate as we close the semester and head into the Holidays.

The Faculty Appointments Committee has been leading us in recruiting an outstanding and diverse group of new tenure-track colleagues to Seattle U Law. The four professors that already have accepted our offers and will be joining our tenureline faculty next July – Erin Carr, Dr. Jeremiah Chin, Liz Ford, and Luke Maher – were among the most sought-after candidates in this year's unusually competitive hiring market, and we have one additional hire to go. Big thanks to our Appointments co-chairs, Professors Chon and Powell, for their extraordinary leadership, and to the many faculty and staff colleagues who continue to do a great job in showing our finalists that we are the nation's most exciting and engaging law school community, with a very bright future ahead of us.

The third Dean's Luminaries in Law Lecture & Conversation Series event with AmeriCorps General Counsel Fernando Laguarda was a great success. Thanks to those colleagues who ensured that our first semester of high-profile Luminaries events went off without a hitch. We look forward to announcing the exciting lineup for our spring semester Luminaries events soon.

Congratulations to all on the unanimous approval by the Seattle University board of trustees of our new SJD Program, which had been unanimously passed by our faculty at our first faculty meeting of the fall in September. My deepest thanks to Professor Russ Powell for shepherding the project through to University approval in record time, and congratulations to him on becoming our inaugural Faculty Director for our new SJD Program. I know that Russ will become one of the most prominent and respected SJD directors in the nation in no time.

Congratulations and thanks as well to Lily Su for accepting my offer to become our new Director of the Access to Justice Institute. Lily is a gifted colleague with an extraordinary record in public interest law. A graduate of Duke (AB) and Penn (JD), she is beloved by our students and colleagues alike, is known as an unusually effective bridge-builder and convener, an astute listener, and a trusted and highly respected advisor to students and partner to faculty colleagues. I have no doubt that Lily will take the Access to Justice Institute to unprecedented heights of achievement and effectiveness under her able leadership.

I write to you today from my flight to India, where I will join a delegation of senior Seattle University leaders, led by President Peñalver, traveling to five cities, speaking at open fora, and meeting with many Indian higher and legal education leaders over the next ten days. I look forward to sharing the results of these important engagements when I return.

Among the many things I will tell our Indian colleagues and prospective students during my travels is just how vibrant and exciting a community we have at Seattle U Law, as evidenced by the many good news items below. I hope that you enjoy reading them, and applauding our colleagues' successes, as much as I do.

Finally, I look forward to celebrating the end of the semester with you at the annual Law School Holiday Reception on December 13th. #SeattleULawSoars!

Anthony E. Varona
Dean and Professor

PUBLICATIONS

Prof. Richard Delgado published *Race and Races: Cases and Materials for a Diverse America* (4th ed., West Law Group), with Juan Perea, Osamudia James, and Rose Cuison-Villazor.

Profs. Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic published *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*, in the latest issue of *Law in Society Review*.

Prof. Amanda Fisher co-published an online article called *Inclusion in Legal Writing: A Practitioner's Guide* on the American Bar Association [website](#).

Prof. Jack Kirkwood submitted an invited article to the *CPI Antitrust Chronicles*. This article is called "Reforming the Robinson-Patman Act." It is to be published in the journal's January symposium on the Robinson-Patman Act.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood was invited to submit an article on the Robinson-Patman Act to the *CPI Antitrust Chronicle*, to be published in their January issue.

Prof. Russell Powell's chapter, "Investor Protections in Muslim Jurisdictions" was published this month in *The Cambridge Handbook of Investor Protection*.

PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Dir. Will Bassett presented on November 3 - in cooperation with **Dir. Brooke Pinkham** and CILP - a virtual information session: "Becoming a Lawyer In Indian Country".

Dir. Pinkham and 3L Jessica Pouley spoke about Tribal Law vs. Indian Law, career paths for Native lawyers, and the many opportunities offered at Seattle U Law, including the American Indian Law Journal, NLSA, and the Douglas R. Nash Native American Scholarship Program.

Prof. Michael Blasie presented a two-hour lecture titled *United States Plain Language Laws* to students in a comparative law class on November 9 at Bahçeşehir University, which is based in Istanbul, Turkey.

Prof. Bob Boruchowitz spoke to the Law & Mental Health Conference of the Mental Health Association of Portland, Oregon on Civil Commitment in October. The topic was a "Discussion of Young v. Selig, the Beginning of Washington's Sex Offender Commitment Law." He was also on a panel discussion later in the conference.

Prof. Margaret Chon presented her forthcoming book, *Prioritizing Intellectual Property's Freedom to Operate*, at the Mosaic IP Law and Policy Roundtable, hosted by Marquette University Law School.

Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry presented on October 18 in a Symposium organized by the ConLaw journal of Akron Law School on the *Use of Foreign and International Law Sources in Dobbs*.

Prof. Madeline Kass presented *Climate Anxiety & Beyond* at the University of Dundee, the third lecture of her ISSR Global Fellowship.

Prof. Madeline Kass presented *U.S. Progress on Sustainable Development Goals 13, 14 & 15* as a guest speaker at the University of Ghent School of Law (Belgium).

Prof. Russell Powell presented his work on the implications of Carson v. Makin for private education at the 6th MPI Annual Symposium hosted by Indiana University.

Prof. Russell Powell presented an analysis of Iranian constitutional and legal structures for a panel on *the Human Rights Crisis in Iran: Woman, Life, Freedom*, organized by students at Seattle University School of Law.

Prof. Dean Spade delivered a Seattle University Red Talk on mutual aid on November 29th.

Assistant Dir. Tony Vo spearheaded a pipeline program for 20+ high school students from Highline High Schools. **Interim Dir. Lily Su, Dir. Kelli Rodriguez-Currie**, current students, and alumni presented an interactive program that included Public Interest Law opportunities, law school application tips, and a speed networking session on November 17.

Upcoming Notable Presentations

The Legal Writing Program applied to be one of seven sites hosting a “One-Day Workshop,” which is an annual coordinated effort by the Legal Writing Institute (LWI). **Profs. Mimi Samuel and Katy Boling** will be hosting it virtually on December 10th, and the theme will be “Teaching Values in the Legal Writing Classroom.”

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. Richard Delgado will be presenting on a panel titled *Top Tips from Top Authors* at a virtual, national conference for law review editors hosted by The American Society for Legal Writers on March 26, 2023.

Prof. Jack 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 Academic 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 was invited to present on reproductive rights at the University of Pennsylvania Law School on January 7. This conference is organized by the South Asian Law Students Association.

Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry will be moderating a panel on human rights pedagogy and presenting in AALS South Asian Law Committee’s panel on the Indian Supreme Court on January 7.

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.”

Dean Tony Varona will be presenting the inaugural AALS Michael A. Olivas Award for Outstanding Leadership in Diversity and Mentoring in the Legal Academy to UC-Davis Law School Dean Kevin R. Johnson at a plenary session during the AALS Annual

Meeting in San Diego in January. Dean Varona was asked to lead the selection committee by AALS Executive Director Judith Areen, after he led the effort to devise and propose the award in honor of the late Prof. Michael A. Olivas (a renowned legal education leader and diversity pioneer).

ALUMNI NEWS

Lucia Ramirez Levias '06 was named partner at DuBois Cary, joining the 2% of Latinx/Hispanic law firm partners in the nation.

Nicolas McKee '18 was prominently quoted by the *Jerusalem Post* in an article on Russian dissidents seeking asylum.

Leesa Manion '96 was elected King County Prosecuting Attorney, making her the head of one of the nation's largest county prosecutor offices.

Pooja Vaddadi '15, an adjunct professor teaching Legal Writing II, has been elected as a judge of the Seattle Municipal Court. In a contested election, Pooja unseated Presiding Judge Adam Eisenberg. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pooja-vaddadi/>

Justin Sedell '05, principal at Lasher, was recognized by Best Lawyers® as the 2023 "Lawyer of the Year" for Family Law (one lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year"). **Darin Jensen '01** – Trusts & Estates and **Jamie Polito Johnson '03** – Family Law were also recognized in the 2023 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

MEDIA APPEARANCES, APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS, AND OTHER NEWS

Prof. Thomas Antkowiak spoke on the future of environmental human rights advocacy at the 27th Annual Braun Memorial Symposium on Environmental Justice and Human Rights in the Americas and the Caribbean, hosted by the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Prof. Steven Bender was interviewed by KIRO 7 on the case of a realty company's 40-year grip on listing rights.

Prof. Margaret Chon was asked to serve as a member of the Wikimedia Race and Knowledge Equity Advisory Board.

Prof. Richard Delgado had a book review accepted by *Texas A&M Law Review*. He reviewed Peter Irons, *White Men's Law* (Oxford U. Press).

Prof. Liz Ford was appointed to the Washington Public Employment Relations Commission by Governor Inslee.

Prof. Liz Ford was a guest on KUOW's *Southside* to discuss the tentative agreement reached by railway workers and the Biden Administration.

Assoc. Dean Sital Kalantry was elected to be a chair of the AALS South Asian Committee.

Professor Madeline Kass delivered a PhD masterclass on the US legal system for researchers at University of Dundee Law School in the United Kingdom.

Emeritus Prof David M. Skover and DWT partner, Bob Corn-Revere, discuss the state of free expression in the United States today and the impact of recent decisions on the future of individual rights. Professor Skover and Mr. Corn-Revere also discussed their recent books, Skover's *The Death of Discourse*, and Corn-Revere's *The Mind of the Censor and the Eye of the Beholder—The First Amendment and the Censor's Dilemma*. <https://vimeo.com/759234533>

Seattle University School of Law was listed #5 for "Top Schools for Racial Justice" in preLaw's Fall 2022 edition.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood submitted detailed comments, at the request of the FTC, on the agency's recent policy statement charting a more aggressive enforcement strategy under Section 5 of the FTC Act.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood was interviewed by *The Capitol Forum* on the competitive implications of Albertson's proposed \$4 billion dividend to its shareholders, a dividend that the Washington AG has temporarily blocked.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood was interviewed by *MLex* on the significance of the district court decision to enjoin the acquisition of Simon & Schuster by Penguin Random House.

Prof. Jack Kirkwood was interviewed by *The Spectator* on the Washington AG's settlement with several chicken producers accused of price fixing, included America's largest producer, Tysons.

Dean Varona gave remarks at WSBA's Indian Law Section Mentorship Event on October 13 at the Washington Athletic Club. He was the only dean present.

Dean Varona's 2014 article published by the NYU Review of Law & Social Change on the US News and World Report Law Rankings' corrosive effects on diversity in law school classrooms (and on the legal profession and law themselves) was quoted and featured prominently in November 29th article in *National Jurist* on the movement among top law schools to boycott the rankings.

UPCOMING NOTABLE EVENTS

The Annual Law School Holiday Party is on Tuesday, December 13 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Rainier Club.

The Law School's Winter Commencement will be Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 am-11:30 am at Pigott Auditorium.

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