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Wednesday, January 16, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

Happy 2013! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break. It's hard to believe we're part way through the first week of classes of the spring semester.

I wanted to take an opportunity to extend our best wishes to Roxanne Mennes, Director of Continuing Legal Education, Conferences and Programming Partnerships. Roxanne's last day at SU was Jan. 15. She has been appointed the Executive Director of Family Law CASA (court appointed special advocates) of King County. This is a wonderful opportunity for Roxanne, who has volunteered and been active with this organization since 2004. We wish Roxanne the best in her new position.

Best regards,
Mark

Publications

Steve Bender submitted an invited tribute essay for the forthcoming Derrick Bell memorial in the Seattle University Law Review.

Patrick Brown is the co-author of the article on "Decisions, Findings, and Conclusions" in the forthcoming third edition of the *Washington Civil Procedure Deskbook*. He also co-authored the "Editors' Introduction" to the current volume of the *Journal of Macrodynamical Analysis* on ethics.

A paperback Turkish translation of **Richard Delgado's** and **Jean Stefancic's** *How Lawyers Lose Their Way: A Profession Fails Its Creative Minds* (Duke University Press), appeared this month. The journal *English Language Notes* published three responses to their article in a preceding issue ("The Shape of the I") on the disappearance of the self in both literature and law. The responses, which included an essay by prominent English scholar Carl Gutierrez-Jones, examined further whether consciousness, the "I" of litigation and literature, is receding in importance and whether, if so, self-effacement and irony are the new virtue or merely pretense carried out under concealed premises.

Jack Kirkwood's article, *Powerful Buyers and Merger Enforcement*, was published by the *Boston University Law Review*. His article, *Protecting Consumers and Small Suppliers from*

Upcoming Events

[Law Night at Key Arena](#)

Wednesday, January 16
Key Arena

[Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday](#)

Monday, January 21
No Classes

[Alumni Relations Sidebar](#)

Thursday, January 24
Black Bottle
2600 First Avenue

Visit the School of Law website for more [upcoming events](#).

Anticompetitive Conduct: The Goal with the Widest Support, was accepted for publication by the *Fordham Law Review*.

Stephanie Zimmerman's article, *Reclaiming Historical Data through Crowdsourcing* (co-authored with Hallie Portz), was published in the Volume 40:4 (Winter 2012) issue of *DttP: Documents to the People*. This article explores how the weather readings in old ship logbooks are being scanned and transcribed online by volunteers in order to create robust climate models reaching back hundreds of years.

Presentations

Lori Bannai co-presented in October a discussion of a lawyer's ethical duties to avoid bias and stereotyping at the ABA/GP Solo Conference in Seattle. In November, she co-presented on FERPA, the ADA, and student conduct concerns at the Legal Writing Institute Workshop at Northwestern University School of Law. In December, she co-authored an amicus brief in *Hedges v. Obama*, arguing for careful judicial scrutiny of national security regulations that impinge on fundamental rights.

Deirdre Bowen, with her co-principal investigator, Kathy Stanchi, presented their empirical research on *How Jurors Respond to the Timing of Disclosure of Negative Information*. The presentation took place at the invitation of the Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia Feminist Law Teachers Twentieth Annual CLE Conference on December 14. Deirdre also, upon invitation, presented her work, *Calling their Bluff: Defense Attorneys' Adaptation to Increased Formalization of Plea Bargaining* at the Washington State Defender Association Conference: *Ethics 2012: Changing the Landscape of Criminal Defense*. The conference, which attracted over 200 public defense attorneys, was held on December 14.

Lisa Brodoff spoke on November 9 at the 2012 Washington End of Life Consensus Coalition (WEOLCC) Annual Meeting on the *New Advance Directive for People With Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia*. Lisa has also has written (in collaboration with Robb Miller, Executive Director of Compassion & Choices of Washington) a new form advance directive and instruction booklet for people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. This first-of-its-kind advance directive allows people coping with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia to document their wishes about the inevitable challenges related to living with these illnesses. It can be downloaded for free at the C & P website and can be used to document your wishes and provide a guide for your family, health care providers, long-term care providers, and others. Here's a link to the new directive and instructions:
<http://compassionwa.org/alzheimers-diseasedementia-advance-directive/>.

Maggie Chon participated in the Second Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Global Interest, held at FGV-Rio. She gave an overview of IP, innovation and development at a session co-hosted by the Open A.I.R. project and the International Development Research Council.

Richard Delgado gave a talk at the University of Alabama School of Law on the controversy in Tucson over Mexican-American Studies in public schools.

Diane Lourdes Dick was chosen to present her work in progress, *Deconstructing Corporate Financial Distress*, at The George Washington University Law School Center for Law, Economics and Finance (C-Leaf) Junior Faculty Business and Financial Law Workshop. The workshop, which will be held at GW Law School in April, supports and recognizes the work of young legal scholars in accounting, banking, bankruptcy, corporations, economics, finance and securities. C-Leaf receives over 80 paper submissions for the workshop each year, and chooses 10-12 participants.

Russ Powell presented a paper titled *Islamic Law in Turkey after the Arab Spring* for the Islamic Law Section of the AALS at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans this January.

Jean Stefancic served as outside reviewer for a paper submitted to the journal *Latino Studies* analyzing role conflicts affecting Latino border-control agents.

Other News

Bryan Adamson has been appointed to the board of the newly-created Northwest Consumer Law Center, which focuses exclusively on legal advocacy for low income citizens. The Center is the first of its kind in the Northwest. Along with **Diana Singleton**, Bryan will steward a \$300,000 grant to continue their efforts in foreclosure prevention in the Puget Sound area. He has also been invited as a plenary speaker at this spring's annual AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference. Bryan has recently completed a chapter covering media issues for criminal practitioners for an upcoming book to be published by the ABA. In collaboration with other civil proceduralists including Erwin Chemerinsky, Barbara Atwood and Judith Resnick, Professor Adamson has been invited by plaintiffs' counsel in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* to file an amicus brief in advance of Supreme Court argument.

Jan Ainsworth was named a member of the Scientific Committee, IAFL Biennial meeting, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico: peer review of paper proposals (2012). Jan was also invited to join the Editorial Board, *Linguagem e Direito* (Brazilian journal in English and Portuguese) Czech Science Foundation, invited to review and assess Czech a government research project on language issues presented by lay self-represented litigants.

Steven Bender co-organized and moderated a Hot Topics Workshop at the AALS annual meeting in New Orleans on *Democracy and the Public Trust: Equality, Integrity, and Suppression in the 2012 Election*.

Richard Delgado's article, *Recent Writing on Law & Happiness*, made another SSRN top-download list this month (his fourteenth this year) with 114 downloads. One of **Jean Stefancic's** and

Richard Delgado's former students, a program officer for a major human-rights foundation, was responsible for freeing one of the Pussy Riot singers, who immediately left Russia and is free to sing another day. The two professors are thinking of ordering a bumper sticker to that effect.

Diane Lourdes Dick was invited to speak on a panel at the 2013 mid-year meeting of the Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate & Trust Section. Diane will speak on the status of the Business Law Section's work in drafting an updated report providing guidance to Washington attorneys issuing legal opinions in secured lending transactions.

Christian Halliburton has been reappointed by Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn to serve a second term as Commissioner on the City of Seattle's Public Safety Civil Service Commission. The Commission is charged with responsibility for overseeing the testing, promotion, and discipline of uniformed personnel in the City's Fire and Police Departments. Professor Halliburton's appointment as Commissioner for the City runs through 2015.

Sheryl Gordon McCloud, who has been on SU's adjunct faculty, was recently sworn in to Washington Supreme Court.
http://www.insidebainbridge.com/2013/01/14/bainbridges-mccloud-sworn-in-today-as-supreme-court-justice-making-history-for-women-in-washington/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+InsideBainbridge+%28Inside+Bainbridge%29

Laurel Oates was co-chair of the 16 one-day workshops sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute held during the first week of December. The workshops were held at law schools across the country and attracted more than 600 participants.

Junsen Ohno, Administrator for the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality and International and Comparative Law Programs, received the Annual Staff Recognition Award for 2012 at the Annual Staff Holiday Luncheon.

At the 2013 AALS meeting in New Orleans, **Chris Rideout** presented the Section Award for Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research to Professor Jill Ramsfield, now of the University of Hawaii. Jill started her legal writing teaching career with us in the 1980's and still counts a number of our faculty members as friends.

Bill Sherman, Visiting Assistant Professor, was named to Attorney General-Elect Bob Ferguson's Transition Team last week.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to [Randy Maedgen](#).

