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Monday, July 1, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

I'm so pleased to be writing to you from the Dean's Office on this first day of my deanship. Please do stop by and say hello as I settle in to the office and the position. I'm excited to begin what I hope will be a long and productive tenure as your dean.

In this month's spotlight, I want to acknowledge the many faculty (too numerous to name) who played roles in the recent momentous US Supreme Court decisions on same-sex marriage, voting rights, affirmative action and anti-retaliation protections. From amicus briefs to blog posts to media interviews, our faculty have acted as law reformers and public intellectuals, providing great service to the profession and society. We appreciate your efforts.

Best regards,
Annette

Publications

Marilyn Berger's, John Mitchell's and Ronald Clark's Fourth Edition of *Pretrial Advocacy: Planning, Analysis and Strategy* was just published by Wolters Kluwer Law and Business. The book is widely adopted. It includes a DVD of depositions, mediation materials and two CDs with additional professional materials.

Deirdre M. Bowen wrote an essay, *Windsor's Purgatory*, for the online journal of the Denver Law Review. This essay is a preview piece of her forthcoming article, *All that Heaven Will Allow: A Statistical Analysis of the Co-existence of Same Sex Marriage and Gay Matrimonial Bans*. Professor June Carbone from the University of Minnesota will write a companion piece commenting on the article.

Diane Lourdes Dick's invited symposium contribution, *Legal Ethics, Commercial Practice and the Certainty Imperative: A Cautionary Note*, was published in the Northern Kentucky Law Review.

Lily Kahng has accepted an offer from the Cornell Law Review Online to publish an essay on the IRS Tea Party scandal. Professor Kahng has also agreed to contribute a chapter, entitled *Thor Power and Judicial Impotence*, to a forthcoming book, *CONTROVERSIES IN TAX LAW: A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE* (Anthony C. Infanti, ed.).

Upcoming Events

[Independence Day Holiday](#)

Thursday and Friday
July 4-5

[CLE: Seeking Justice The Impact of Prosecutorial Discretion in Juvenile Court and Beyond](#)

Tuesday, July 9
8:30 am – 4:15 pm, Room 110
More information & registration can
be found [here](#).

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

The **Seattle Law Review** has published a symposium tribute to Professor Derrick Bell, featuring essays by several of our faculty members, including: **Steve Bender**, **Maggie Chon**, **Charlotte Garden**, **Natasha Martin** and **Henry McGee**. (<http://seattleuniversitylawreview.com/>).

Presentations

Deirdre M. Bowen presented her work at the Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference. She also presented ways in which to bring empirical studies into the Family Law classroom in order to allow for a deeper understanding of the law as well as increasing students' legal analytical skills.

Diane Lourdes Dick was invited to present at the Mid-Year Meeting of the Washington State Bar Association Real Property, Probate & Trust Section, held in Pasco, Washington on June 7-9. Diane spoke on new developments impacting legal opinions in corporate and real estate financing transactions, and authored a chapter in the accompanying CLE materials. Diane also presented her scholarly work in progress, *The Chapter 11 Tax Loophole*, at the National Business Law Scholars Conference at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law on June 12-13.

Lily Kahng presented her article, *Path Dependence in Tax Subsidies for Home Sales* (to be published in the Alabama Law Review in October 2013) at the Critical Tax Conference at Hastings Law School (April 2013) and the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2013).

Tayyab Mahmud presented *Capitalism, Colonialism and Geographies of Un-free Labor* at the Annual Conference of Law & Society Association in Boston, participated in a roundtable on *Heterodox and Critical Political Economy* at the New Directions in Global Thought Conference of the Institute of Global Law & Policy at Harvard University, and was interviewed by the Voice of America International Service about the war in Afghanistan and the aftermath of the general elections in Pakistan.

Natasha Martin presented "Virtual Work Masculinities" as an invited participant in the "Author Meets Reader" session of *Masculinities and the Law: A Multidimensional Approach*, Frank Rudy Cooper and Ann McGinley editors (NYU Press 2012) at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in Boston, MA. Professor Martin also presented "Virtual Workplace Culture" on another panel of labor and employment law scholars at the LSA meeting.

Anna Roberts presented her paper, *Casual Ostracism: Jury Exclusion on the Basis of Criminal Convictions*, at the Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association and at the AALS Mid-Year Conference on Criminal Justice.

Ronald Slye spoke in Washington, D.C. on June 11 at Freedom House's Insider's Discussion titled *Reconciling with the Truth: Understanding the Report of Kenya's Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission and Prospects for the Future*. The discussion included members of civil society from Kenya who were joined by video link, and members of civil society and government in Washington, D.C.

Brendon Taga gave a presentation titled *Beyond Accommodations: Instructional Methods to Support Students with Learning Disabilities*, which focused on instructional methods and frameworks that support students who learn differently. The presentation was given at the inaugural conference of the Association of Academic Support Professionals in May.

Other News

Deirdre M. Bowen was interviewed by KIRO-TV to explain the effects of the DOMA ruling. At the request of the American Constitution Society for Law & Policy, Deirdre Bowen wrote two guest blogs this week. One blog, titled *Windsor & Perry: The Glass About 25% Full*, is an analysis of the DOMA decision. The other blog, *Affirmative Action's Slow Death*, discusses the likely effects of the *Fisher* case. Deirdre Bowen's ACS blog on DOMA was reported on at the SCOTUS blog.

Maggie Chon is planning the following scholarly activities for June and July: Participating in a symposium for the contributors of the forthcoming Sage Handbook of Intellectual Property, hosted by the University of Durham; and convening a Dialogue on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Global Intellectual Property Governance, hosted in collaboration with the International Centre on Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva.

Annette Clark has been invited to speak as a panelist at the Deans' Open Forum at the AALS Annual Meeting in NYC in January 2014. The subject of the panel discussion is "Managing the Transformation of Legal Education – Lessons from Other Disciplines," and Annette has been asked to speak on insights we can glean from medical education.

Ronald Clark was the featured lecturer and a faculty member for the University of Montana School of Law's 25th Annual week-long Advanced Trial Advocacy Program. The link is www.umt.edu/law/CalendarandEvents/LectsConfsSympsandCLE/ATAinfo.php.

Richard Delgado and **Jean Stefanic** completed month-long residencies at Centrum, a writers-and-artists colony on the Olympic Peninsula, where Jean completed an article on the female companions of the Beat generation of writers for a symposium issue of Seattle U. Law Review. Richard completed an article, titled *Two Narratives of Youth*, for the same symposium, and another on a controversy in Tucson, Arizona over teaching Mexican American Studies in the public schools, for North Carolina Law Review. He also wrote separate articles for Michigan Law Review and its online companion, *First Impressions*.

Margaret Fisher conducted a three-day Judicial Institute for High School Teachers June 26-28 in conjunction with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Her O'Connor Award presentation has been set for September 24, 2013, at the Fall Judicial Conference in Wenatchee.

Kerri Kline, Program Assistant in the Access to Justice Institute, received the Seattle University Award for Advancing Inclusion in Campus Life. This award recognizes a staff member or administrator at Seattle University who has gone above and beyond the requirements of their position to advance an understanding of

LGBTQ individuals and their allies by creating a more welcoming and affirming climate at Seattle University.

Natasha Martin moderated the closing panel of the symposium hosted earlier this spring by the UC Berkeley Law School celebrating the release of *Presumed Incompetent* (Utah State 2012) (co-edited by Professor Carmen Gonzalez). This panel focused on solutions toward enhancing the inclusion and success of female faculty of color in the academy.

President Sundborg has appointed **Natasha Martin** as the faculty co-chair of the new task force on diversity at Seattle University.

Kara Phillips participated in the 3rd Chinese American Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries in Shanghai, China: <http://caflinet.org/annual-conference/>. There were 30 attendees from the United States and over 90 attendees from various law libraries in China. In addition to moderating a session on the Comparative Study of Judicial Information Publishing and Dissemination in China and the U.S., Kara served on the Executive Board Planning Committee and was Chair of the Public Relations Committee.

David Skover's most recent book, *Mania*, will be honored at a celebration of Allen Ginsberg's life and works in San Francisco at City Lights Bookstore on July 15. Lawrence Ferlinghetti, owner of City Lights and publisher of City Lights Books, which first released Ginsberg's epic poem, *Howl*, in 1956, will be there to speak on *Mania* and the *Howl* obscenity trial that is the subject of the second half of the book.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to Leann Wagele, wagelel@seattleu.edu. The next Dean's Spotlight will be published in August.

