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September 3, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that the new academic year has gotten off to a terrific start for everyone and that those of you who are teaching are enjoying being back in the classroom. As I mentioned at Orientation, our goal is to provide our students with a disruptive and transformative legal education, one that simultaneously challenges and supports them in becoming the lawyers and professionals they aspire to be. It takes all of our combined faculty and staff efforts to bring that about, so thank you for your commitment to our students. Keep up the great work!

Annette

Publications

Janet Ainsworth's article, *What's Wrong with Pink Pearls and Cornrow Braids?: Employee Dress Codes and the Semiotic Performance of Race and Gender in the Workplace*, was published in Anne Wagner and Richard Sherwin, eds., *LAW, CULTURE AND VISUAL STUDIES* (2013).

Diane Lourdes Dick accepted an offer to publish her article, "Bankruptcy's Corporate Tax Loophole," in the *Fordham Law Review*.

Lily Kahng's essay, *The IRS Tea Party Controversy and Administrative Discretion*, forthcoming in *Cornell Law Review Online*, made SSRN's Top Ten download list for three eJournals: Tax Law & Policy; Bureaucracy; Administrative Processes in

Upcoming Events

Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, September 3
12:00 p.m.
Room 109

[Alumni Sidebar Happy Hour](#)

Tuesday, September 10
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Four Seasons Hotel – ART Restaurant
(99 Union Street, Seattle)

[5th Annual Domestic Violence Symposium](#)

Thursday & Friday, September 12-13
8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Pigott Auditorium & Sullivan Hall
Networking reception to be held on Thursday, Sept. 12 in Sullivan Hall at 4:45 p.m.

[Alumni Sidebar Happy Hour](#)

Thursday, September 12
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Waterstreet Café – Olympia
(610 Water Street SW, Olympia)

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

Public Organizations; and Public Choice: Analysis of Collective Decision-Making.

Connie Krontz has co-authored an on-line companion chapter to the *Interactive Citation Workbook for The Bluebook* that focused on constructing citations using the Washington Style Sheet.

Tayyab Mahmud's article "*Debt & Discipline*," first published in AMERICAN QUARTERLY, has been re-published as a chapter in RACE, EMPIRE AND THE CRISIS OF THE SUBPRIME (Paula Chakravartty and Denise Ferreira de Silva eds., Johns Hopkins Uni. Press: 2013). He has also published "*Cheaper than a Slave: Indentured Labor, Colonialism, and Capitalism*," 34 WHITTIER L. REV. 215 (2013). This article is based on the keynote address delivered at the *Expanding Critical Spaces of International Law Discourse* Conference at Whittier Law School.

David Skover's most recent book, *On Dissent: Its Meaning in America* (Cambridge University Press) (coauthored with Ronald Collins), was officially released on July 4th. Their previous book, *Mania: The Story of the Outraged and Outrageous Lives that Launched a Cultural Revolution*, was selected as the runner-up to the 2013 Best Book in American History at the San Francisco Book Festival.

A chapter authored by **Denis Stearns**, "Food Safety and the Law: Understanding the Real-Life Liability Risks," will be published on December 15 in [Researching the Hazards in Hazardous Food](#) (Barbara Alamanza, Ph.D. & Richard Ghiselli, Ph.D. eds., Apple Academic Press).

Presentations

Janet Ainsworth made the following presentations: Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, roundtable participant "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Responses to the Changing Market for Legal Education;"; West Coast Roundtable of Language and the Law, paper presented entitled, "A Social Interactionist Framework for Analyzing Face Threats in Expert Witness Cross Examination" (California Capital Appellate Project, San Francisco CA); International Association of Forensic Linguistics Biennial Meeting, paper presented, "Making

Linguistics Relevant to the Law: Training Lawyers to Understand Language Issues” (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México).

Lisa Brodoff spoke on the Hot Topics panel at the Washington State Elder Law Section’s Summer Social on August 8. She talked about the Demise of DOMA and its impact on representation and advice for elder clients in same sex relationships.

Diane Lourdes Dick presented her paper, "Bankruptcy's Corporate Tax Loophole," at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting.

Chris Rideout presented a paper titled “The Whole Truth’: Narrative Completeness in Legal Storytelling,” at the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference on July 24th. The conference was held at Gray’s Inn, London, England, with a reception and closing dinner at the old Chancery Court in Lincoln’s Inn.

Anna Roberts was invited to participate in the 2013 Southwest Criminal Scholarship Conference, which will take place at U.C. Davis, from September 5–7, 2013.

David Skover presented on *Mania* at City Lights Bookstore in San Francisco in mid-July. He also presented at the kick-off book event for *On Dissent* at Politics & Prose in Washington, DC in early August.

John Strait made the following presentations over the summer: June 25, an ethics session: What’s On Your Mind? for the WSBA 20th Annual Employment Law Section; on August 10 at the ABA Annual Convention in San Francisco on the ethics of communicating with represented and unrepresented parties and witnesses in class actions to the ABA Section on Labor and Employment Law; and Ethical Considerations in Employment Law for the Seminar Group’s 16th Annual Labor & Employment Law Conference on August 16.

Other news

Janet Ainsworth has noted the following professional accomplishments: Appointed North American representative, Multicultural Association of Law and Language. As a member of the Libel Reform Campaign, Jan co-authored a white paper

criticizing ‘libel tourism’ and the lack of public interest and scholarly research defenses in UK libel law, culminating in the recent passage of the Defamation Act of 2013. Finally, Jan served as an international collaborator on a proposal for Centre for the Study of Civil Society (conceptual, empirical, and theoretical research on civil society, social capital, and civic participation in comparative international perspective) through the UK Economic and Social Research Council.

Diane Lourdes Dick was invited by the American Bankruptcy Institute to do a podcast on the topics addressed in her article, "Bankruptcy's Corporate Tax Loophole."

Margaret Fisher conducted a training for judge-teacher teams to implement Street Law in locations throughout Washington, building on a program begun ten years ago. This year's new sites are in Stephenson, Curlew, Covington and Spokane.

After a year-long absence, **Lily Kahng** was reappointed by the Senate Democratic caucus to the WA State Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences. The Commission is charged with overseeing the periodic independent review of all WA State tax preferences, which number more than 600. The review process assesses whether the preferences carry out their intended purpose, evaluates their cost and economic impacts, and makes recommendations to retain, modify or terminate the preferences.

The Washington State Bar Association will be awarding **Fé Lopez** the Excellence in Diversity award at their annual awards dinner on Thursday, September 26 at the Grand Hyatt in Seattle.


Tayyab Mahmud was interviewed by Voice America Int'l Service about recent developments in Egypt and Syria. He recorded a 90-minute interview for a documentary on the question of religious minorities in Pakistan.

Chris Rideout mentored the Writers' Workshop, a scholarly writing workshop that followed the ALWD conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 29th to July 2nd. The workshop is sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute.

Anna Roberts was the guest on Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Think Out Loud" program on August 6, 2013, discussing the Washington Supreme Court's recent *Batson* decision, *State v. Saintcalle*.

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



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