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Dear Colleagues,

We had a very successful Arctic Encounter Symposium on Friday and Saturday, organized by Deirdre Bowen and Rachel Kallander (2L), with logistical support from Leann Wagele and our events staff. Members of the Seattle University Law Review staffed the event and some of the papers from the concurrent sessions will be published in an upcoming issue, so it was very much a community effort. Thank you to all who helped organize the symposium and to the faculty who attended.

Have a great week, and I hope to see many of you at our Sidebar Reception in Seattle on Thursday evening.

Annette

Publications

Janet Ainsworth's book chapter, "Lost in Translation? Linguistic Diversity and the Elusive Quest for Plain Meaning in the Law," appears in the recently published Ashgate Handbook of Legal Translation.

Tom Antkowiak's new article, "Rights, Resources, and Rhetoric: Indigenous Peoples and the Inter-American Court," was published by the University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law.

Kara Phillips has coauthored "Law Librarianship in China," in the AALL Spectrum Magazine:

Upcoming Events

[Sidebar – Blueacre Seafood](#)

Thursday, February 13
5:30-7:00 p.m., Blue Acre Seafood
Seattle, WA

[President's Day– Sullivan Hall Closed](#)

February 17

[PILF 21st Annual Spring Event & Auction](#)

Saturday, February 22
6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Sullivan Hall
Court Level

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

<http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/spectrum/Archives/Vol-18/No-3/china.pdf>

Presentations

Janet Ainsworth was a plenary speaker at the conference Language and the Law: Bridging the Gap, co-sponsored by the Faculty of Law and Faculty of Humanities and Social Science at the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina in Florianopolis Brazil. Her presentation was “Linguistic Diversity and the De-textualization of Law in Multilingual Legal Systems.”

Margaret Fisher is presenting iCivics at the Civic Education Day on February 17 at the State Legislature.

Natasha Martin was selected from a nationwide call for papers as a presenter at the upcoming Title VII at 50 Symposium in April in New York. The symposium is a collaborative of the NYU Center for Labor and Employment Law, the St. John’s Center for Labor and Employment Law, the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development, and the St. John’s Center for International and Comparative Law.

Russell Powell presented a paper on Islam and secularism based on his empirical research at the Islamic Law Section panel at the AALS Annual Meeting in January.

Sara Rankin was invited by the Seattle University Faith & Family Homelessness Project to present her legal advocacy work relating to homeless people and to discuss ongoing collaborations with various university and non-university partners to advance the rights of homeless people in the Pacific Northwest.

Anna Roberts presented a forthcoming article, “Impeachment by Unreliable Conviction,” at a Criminal Law Colloquium hosted by SMU Dedman School of Law.

Other news

Janet Ainsworth is one of 10 scholars from around the world invited to participate in a spring colloquium at Harvard Law School

on "Law as Living Language." The participants will address this topic from the perspective of various disciplines, including jurisprudence, anthropology, philosophy, linguistics, and cultural studies. She has also been invited to sit on the editorial board of the tri-lingual journal *Linguagem e Direito*, and secondly, as a result of her work on the Libel Reform Campaign, she has been named to the Royal Libel Reform Commission in the U.K.

Carmen Gonzalez's Presumed Incompetent received a very positive review, published in the Feminist Wire:

<http://thefeministwire.com/2014/02/a-call-to-action-for-women-of-color-in-academia/>

Jack Kirkwood signed an amicus brief by a group of law professors that opposed a blanket exemption for insurance rates filed with state regulators. The exemption would immunize the rates from antitrust attack even if they were set collusively and not reviewed by the state. Jack has also become a regular contributor to *Global Intelligence in Antitrust/Competition Law*, a publication of the Financial Times Group. In the last two months, he has been quoted in four stories.

Tayyab Mahmud appeared in a special broadcast of Voice of America International Service on the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. His paper, "Colonialism and Modern Constructions of Race: A Preliminary Inquiry," was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for Post-Colonial Studies in Literature & Culture. Lastly, the Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) gave its 2013 Best Special Issue Award to *American Quarterly* for the special issue on "Race, Empire and the Crisis of the Subprime." This issue, which carried Tayyab's article, "Debt and Discipline," has also been published as a book by Johns Hopkins University Press.

Catherine O'Neill, along with current students and SU alumni, attended a day-long event marking the 40th anniversary of the landmark decision by Judge Boldt in the treaty rights litigation, *U.S. v. Washington*. The event was hosted by the Squaxin Island tribe. Access coverage of this historic event here:

<http://nwifc.org/2014/02/tribes-recognize-boldt-40/>. She also was invited to attend a small meeting between academics working on environmental justice issues and senior staff from the U.S. EPA headquarters, who were in Seattle. She arranged a separate meeting, between the EPA staff and community representatives at the law school – affording an opportunity for students in her Environmental

Justice seminar to observe the proceedings, as well as enabling SU to serve as host to this important regional social justice event.

Natasha Martin was elected as an officer on the Executive Committee of the AALS Employment Discrimination Law Section. She was also invited to join the 2015 AALS Professional Responsibility Section Program Committee and has been invited to serve as moderator of the PR section's program at the 2015 annual meeting, which will explore the new competencies that lawyers should have in order to comply with their ethical obligations in the rapidly changing legal marketplace of the 21st century.

Russell Powell was designated the Alaska State Liaison to the ABA Corporate Laws Committee.

Sara Rankin recently posted her new draft article, "A Homeless Bill of Rights (Revolution)," on SSRN at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2376488>. The article has already been featured and distributed by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, the National Coalition for the Homeless, and the ABA's Commission on Homelessness & Poverty, and it made the top ten SSRN downloads in three categories: Society, Civic Engagement, Social Movements & Protest, the Young Scholars Law eJournal, and Social Justice & Human Rights. Ruthann Robson also blogged about the piece at <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/conlaw/2014/02/daily-read-sara-rankin-homeless-bill-of-rights-.html>.

Sara Rankin is launching a new Legislative Law Blog on the Law Professor Blogs Network. The blog will focus on legislative and administrative advocacy and policymaking. Professor Rankin is joined by three co-editors: Professor Joel Rogers (Wisconsin), Emily Benfer (Loyola Chicago), and Kevin Barry (Quinnipiac).

Ada Shen-Jaffe was interviewed by host Eric Liu for a segment on Seattle Voices on the Seattle Channel:
<http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=3121405&file=1>

Ron Slye's audio interview, in which he talks about some of the emerging issues in transitional justice, including his experience with the Kenyan Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission, was published by the International Center for Transitional Justice:

<http://ictj.org/multimedia/audio/ictj-forum-series-truth-commissions-and-peace-mediation-ron-slye>.

Ron Slye negotiated a multi-million dollar contract between the Documentation Center of Cambodia and Zaha Hadid Architects. The contract provides for Zaha Hadid to design a world-class research center and memorial (to be called Sleuk Rith) concerning the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge period in Cambodia from 1975 to 1979, during which over 2 million Cambodians died. This will be the first such memorial designed by a female architect, and the first to be designed by someone who is not a member of the victim population. For more on Zaha Hadid and the project, see the following: <http://www.zaha-hadid.com/2013/10/the-sleuk-rith-institute-for-the-cambodian-documentation-center/>

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