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Dear Colleagues,

In addition to the publications, presentations, and other news presented below, I want to call out just some of the wonderful programming we've hosted this summer. The Civil Procedure Workshop, organized by Brooke Coleman, and the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, organized by Chris Rideout (with both conferences ably supported by numerous staff members), were spectacularly successful and brought academics from across the country to our law school. The Summer Practice Academy, run by Mark Sideman and Rebecca O'Neil, has also made a strong showing in its second summer, with well-attended programs in Trial Advocacy, Legal Writing, IP, Health Law, and Tribal Law. Add in the faculty Summer Workshop Series, the Summer Socials, and the 60+ students who will participate next week in our Inaugural Business Boot Camp (organized by Andy Siegel), and this is a vibrant place to be in the summer!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Orientation Lunch next Thursday.

Regards,

Annette

Publications

Steven Bender's essay, "Income Inequality Hits Home," was published by New York Law School's Impact Center for Public Interest Law as part of a collection of essays titled "Impact: The Threat of Economic Inequality."

Upcoming Events

[Health Law Basics and Our Aging Population](#)

Monday, August 10 – Wednesday,
August 12
9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Room 110

[Admission Open House](#)

Monday, August 10
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Room 110

[Inaugural Business Boot Camp](#)

Monday, August 17 – Wednesday,
August 19
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Room 109

[Fall 2015 Orientation](#)

Thursday, August 20 – Friday,
August 21
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sullivan Hall

[Law School Barbecue](#)

Tuesday, August 25
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Sidebar Area, 1st Floor

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

Bob Chang will have two articles published in the upcoming months: “Still Legitimizing Discrimination through Antidiscrimination Law” in the Minnesota Law Review in 2016, and “Evading Miller” in the 39th volume of Seattle University Law Review in late 2015.

Professor **Carmen Gonzalez's** article on the environmental implications of China's growing ties with Latin America was reprinted in its entirety in *La Expansión de China en América Latina* (Sebastián Mantilla Baca, ed. 2015). The book was published by the Centro Latinoamericano de Estudios Políticos in Quito, Ecuador, and is also available online. Her book chapter on human rights, environmental justice, and the global South was also published in the Research Handbook on Human Rights and the Environment, edited by Anna Gear and Louis Kotze (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015).

Presentations

Margaret Fisher made a presentation at the national conference of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance on August 7.

In May 2015, Professor **Carmen Gonzalez** presented on her forthcoming book, *International Environmental Law and the Global South*, at the Law & Society conference in Seattle and at the First Annual Conference on Sustainability for Legal Educators at Arizona State University. The book will be published by Cambridge University Press in September 2015.

Natasha Martin presented at the 9th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Law Faculty Writing Workshop hosted by Vanderbilt Law School. She moderated a plenary session – “Navigating the New Normal in the Academy,” and presented on two other panels – “On Being Black and Female in the Classroom,” and “Being an Administrator.” She served on the planning committee for this year’s conference and will serve on the planning committee for the 10th Annual Commemorative Lutie Lytle Workshop, to be held in 2016 at the University of Iowa College of Law, the site of the first gathering of the collective. She also presented at the 2015 Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference as an invited presenter. As part of a Workshop on Labor and Employment Law, she participated in a roundtable on “Can Employees Be “Too Hot”? and “(Re) emerging Issues of Appearance Discrimination in the Workplace.”

Anna Roberts presented her article “Asymmetry as Fairness” at the Call for Papers Luncheon at SEALS. She presented her article “Reclaiming the Importance of the Defendant’s Testimony” at SEALS and at the Crimfest Conference at Cardozo Law School; the article also received a favorable write-up in the EvidenceProf Blog. Her article “(Re)forming the Jury: Detection and Disinfection of Implicit Juror Bias” was cited in the Kirwan Institute’s annual Implicit Bias Review.

Diana Singleton presented at the Washington Leadership Institute’s workshop on the Future of the Profession and focused her presentation on the entrepreneurial approach to law practice and the low bono incubator movement. She also presented on pro bono in U.S. law schools and the profession at the conference, *La Abogacía en México: Su Responsabilidad Social el Sistema Pro Bono*, which was held in Mexico City.

Erica Wolf gave a presentation on Land Rights and Tribal Economic Development to the Indigenous Youth Leadership program at the World Affairs Council on July 10, 2015. Participants included Australian delegates from the Department of State’s International Visitors Leadership Program.

Other News

Lori Bannai participated in several events in conjunction with the ACT Theater production of [“Hold These Truths,”](#) a play exploring Gordon Hirabayashi’s fight against the World War II Japanese American incarceration. She spoke on a panel at Seattle Town Hall on Gordon’s life and continuing legacy, and she was an invited speaker for two of the post-play audience discussions.

Bob Boruchowitz was quoted in a Seattle Times [article](#) on the prosecutor’s decision not to seek the death penalty in the second Carnation case. The article also cited our study on the cost of the death penalty that we published in January with the Criminal Justice Department.

Bob Chang was on a legal team that submitted an [amicus brief](#) to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on behalf of the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, D.C., National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and the Korematsu Center, for en

banc consideration of the constitutionality of a provision of the trademark act that permits denial of federal registration of disparaging trademarks. The resolution of this case, *In re Tam*, will likely impact *Pro-Football, Inc. v. Blackhorse*, the case involving the cancellation of federal trademark registration of several Washington Redskins*** trademarks. Bob was also appointed to the Washington State Bar Association Council on Public Defense. His research was also cited in an [article](#) in the Huffington Post regarding Sandra Bland.

Eric Eberhard has been nominated by President Obama for another term on the Board of Trustees of the Udall Foundation. The nomination requires confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Eric served on the Board of Trustees from 2001 to March of this year following nominations by Presidents Clinton and Bush. He was the Chair of the Committee on the Native Nation's Institute from 2001 to 2011 and was Chair of the Board from 2011 -2015.

Charlotte Garden wrote a blog [piece](#) on the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy regarding the case, *Friedrichs v. Calif. Teachers Association*.

In June 2015, Professor **Carmen Gonzalez** served as the Hartman Visiting Professor at the Smith College School of Social Work, where she delivered a keynote address on women of color in academia and conducted workshops for faculty and students. She was also interviewed on climate change by award-winning author, feminist leader, and political analyst, Robin Morgan, on her weekly talk show on CBS Radio in Washington, DC. The interview is available [here](#). In July 2015, Professor Carmen Gonzalez was featured on the website of [Green 2.0](#) as one of six environmental leaders of color. Green 2.0 is an organization that works to promote diversity in traditional environmental organizations, government agencies, and foundations. She was also interviewed on the Earthjustice blog about her work as a teacher and scholar of environmental law, including her work on food security and her forthcoming book on international environmental law and the global South. The interview is available [here](#).

John Kirkwood was quoted in the [Policy and Regulatory Report](#) regarding the extensive evidence that Apple encouraged and assisted in a conspiracy to impose new pricing models on e-books.

Sara Rankin discussed how one-way bus tickets are another way for cities to avoid meaningful solutions to the problem of homelessness in the [International Business Times](#).

Julie Shapiro was on [KIRO radio](#) several times discussing current legal issues relevant to lesbian and gay rights. She also contributed to an article in the Wall Street Journal that discussed whether price limits on human eggs constitute an antitrust violation, which can be read [here](#).

Diana Singleton and **Jennifer Werdell** co-hosted an annual “Alliance for Equal Justice Summer Intern Orientation” with the three Washington law schools this June, helping to prepare more than 75 law students for internships and externships at civil legal aid and public sector organizations across the state.

Ron Slye was quoted in [two articles](#) in which he explained the U.N.’s notorious internal accountability. He also wrote a [piece](#) urging President Obama to address Kenya’s persistent legacy of impunity with respect to gross violations of human rights and corruption.

Dean Spade commented on military rules on transgendered troops on [KIRO News Radio](#).

Jennifer Werdell was recently selected to serve a 2-year term on the National Advisory Council of Equal Justice Works, a national organization dedicated to mobilizing the next generation of lawyers committed to equal justice. Jennifer also participated on the organizing committee of the Washington Access to Justice Board’s statewide Access to Justice Conference this June. She presented on a panel entitled “Win-Win-Win: How Law Student Pro Bono Initiatives Can Help Clients, Organizations AND Students” and organized several sessions addressing race equity and the civil justice system.

On July 17, 2015, **Erica Wolf** presented to a group of students from Northwest Indian College and Muckleshoot Tribal College about the work of the Law School’s Center for Indian Law & Policy, the Institute for Indian Estate Planning & Probate, and about preparing for law school.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to [Jessica Fuqua](#) in the Dean's Office.