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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I hope you'll join me in congratulating Brooke Coleman, our new William C. Oltman Professor for Teaching Excellence, as announced at yesterday's faculty meeting. I also want to recognize Jan Ainsworth's remarkable list of publications and presentations (see below), as well as the number of our faculty who are contributing to public education through media op-eds and other forms of commentary. We're off to a great start!

Bests,

Annette

### Publications

**Janet Ainsworth's** book, co-edited with Lawrence Solan and Roger Shuy, titled "Speaking Language and the Law," was published by the Oxford University Press and includes her essay, "How We Play Games with Words in the Law." Her essay, "Legal Discourse and Legal Narratives: Adversarial versus Inquisitorial Models," was published in *Language and Law/Linguagem E Direito*. Her essay, "The Language of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Cases," was published in *Gender and Language*.

**Jennifer Cooper's** article, "Smarter Law Learning: Using Cognitive Science to Maximize Law Learning," will be published in the 44th volume of the *Capital University Law Review*.

### Upcoming Events

[7th Annual Domestic Violence Symposium: On Violence, Trauma, and Culture](#)

Thursday, September 10 – Friday, September 11

8:15 am – 4:30 pm

Various locations within Seattle University campus

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

Professor **Carmen Gonzalez**' book, "International Environmental Law and the Global South," was just published by Cambridge University Press. The book is an anthology (co-edited with Shawkat Alam, Sumudu Atapattu, and Jona Razzaque) that examines the North-South divide in international environmental law.

## Presentations

**Janet Ainsworth** gave the plenary address entitled "The Structural Dynamics of Justice: Will the 'Haves' Come Out Ahead of the 'Have-nots' in International Commercial Arbitration?" at the National Conference on Arbitration Discourse and Practices in Asia, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She contributed a discussion of challenges to the admissibility of forensic evidence at the West Coast Roundtable on Language and Law. She presented "Considering Procedural Justice in Transitional Criminal Justice Models: The Cases of China and Japan" at the East Asia Law and Society Conference held at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan. She gave the plenary address, "The Role of Storytelling in Professional Formation," at the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference. She also gave the keynote address, "The Adversarial Trial Model and its Challenges for Procedural Justice," at the 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association of Forensic Linguists, which was held in Guangzhou, China. She also presented "Who Wrote This?: An Introduction to Forensic Methodologies in Authorship Attribution" at the Guangwai Renowned Professors' Forum.

**Bob Boruchowitz** spoke on a panel at the Seattle University Criminal Justice Department Center for the Study of Crime and Justice Leadership Institute on "Leading with Data." He discussed obtaining and using data.

**Jennifer Cooper** moderated a book discussion on "Make It Stick: The Science of Successful Learning" at the Western Regional Legal Writing Conference held at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles on August 8, 2015.

**Anne Enquist** gave a workshop on writing issues to the Department of Education, Seattle Office of Civil Rights.

**John McKay** presented a comparative analysis of legal systems as part of the “Diálogos Sobre el Estado de Derecho” (rule of law) conference sponsored by the Human Rights Commission of Mexico and UNAM law faculty during August in Cocoyoc, Mexico. He lectured at University College Dublin on terrorism in Northern Ireland and the Middle East in July at the invitation of the University of Kansas and UW study abroad programs.

**Chris Rideout** presented a paper titled "Narrative Structures and Storytelling Forms in 'Serial': Lessons for Lawyers" at the Fifth Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, held at the Seattle University School of Law in July 2015.

## Other News

[The Seattle Times](#) published an Op Ed by **John McKay** on August 8 reflecting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at the conclusion of his two-year service as the U.S. rule of law program director supporting human rights training and support to the Palestinian justice sector.

**Janet Ainsworth** is a member of the Communication of Rights Working Group, which is an international group of linguists, lawyers, psychologists, and interpreters, who are developing “Protocols for Communicating Rights to Non-Native Speakers in Police Questioning.”

Voting rights legend **Joaquin Avila** commented on Latino political power, Donald Trump, and district elections in [the Californian](#).

**Jennifer Cooper** won a 2015 LWI/ALWD/LexisNexis Scholarship Grant for her proposal, "Making It Stick for Law Students: The Science of Successful Learning in Law School."

The **Homeless Rights Advocacy Project** notified cities throughout Washington that their anti-homeless laws could be unconstitutional, which can be read [here](#).

**Sara Rankin** commented on the Department of Justice becoming a new ally in the fight against municipal laws that unfairly punish the homeless in [Seattle Weekly](#).

**Charlotte Garden** commented on whether a court ruling in favor of a \$15 minimum wage at SeaTac Airport applies retroactively in the

[Seattle Times](#). She also commented in [KPLU](#) about how the city of SeaTac was a political pioneer in the fight for a higher minimum wage.

**James Lobsenz** and **Andy Siegel** broke down the practical legal issues of the Washington Supreme Court sanction order in the McCleary school funding case in the [Seattle Times](#).

**Anna Roberts** accepted an invitation from the new legal website "Casetext" to adapt her forthcoming University of Chicago Law Review article into a short and widely-accessible piece. The resulting work can be read [here](#).

**Julie Shapiro** commented on whether county clerks have the right to refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples on [KIRO Radio](#) (skip directly to 11:32).

**Andy Siegel** spoke about how the Washington Supreme Court is within its constitutional powers to levy sanctions in the [Tacoma News Tribune](#).

**Ron Slye** made the case for a truth and reconciliation commission in the United States to cope with lingering social wounds from slavery in [Reuters](#).

**Dean Spade** commented on whether visibility creates a false story that trans people's struggles are over in [FAIR](#). He also joined a panel in St. Louis to discuss reform and racial justice one year after protests in Ferguson in [the St. Louis American](#).

Legal education expands in Alaska, with Seattle University School of Law's new satellite campus in Anchorage, which is featured in the [National Law Journal](#).

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