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January 20, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

A belated welcome back to the new semester—I hope everyone is reenergized from the long winter break. I look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday afternoon for Brooke Coleman's installation as the William C. Oltman Professor of Teaching Excellence and the celebratory reception that will follow. What an inspiring way to start the new semester!

Warm regards,

Annette

Publications

Tayyab Mahmud published a chapter entitled "*Neoliberalism, Debt and Discipline*" in Research Handbook on Political Economy and Law (Ugo Mattei and John Haskell eds., Edward Elgar 2015).

Anna Roberts's [article](#), "Asymmetry as Fairness: Reversing a Peremptory Trend," was published in the Washington University Law Review.

David Skover has signed a contract with Cambridge University Press to publish his book-in-progress, coauthored with Ronald Collins. Entitled *Robotica: Preserving the Rights of Speech with Machines*, the book presents a theory of First Amendment coverage for robotic expression and discusses the modification of First Amendment normative values that such a development would likely entail. *Robotica* is slated for publication in the Winter of 2017.

Upcoming Events

[Influential Voices with Brooke Coleman](#)

Wednesday, January 20
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Room C5

[Attorney General Bob Ferguson Visits Campus](#)

Thursday, January 21
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Courtroom

[Year of the Teacher](#)

Friday, January 22
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Lemieux Library Faculty Lounge,
6th Floor

[Joint Social Justice and Faculty Development Workshop](#)

Monday, January 25
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Room C5

[The Role of the Family in Long-Term Care: An Economic Perspective](#)

Tuesday, January 26
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Room 327 (during Jim Brown's
Advanced Elder Law Seminar)

[2016 International Humanitarian Law Workshop - Humanity in War](#)

Presentations

Bob Boruchowitz made a presentation to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission in Lansing on “Some National Trends in Public Defense,” as part of his work on his Justice Department-funded technical assistance project with the Sixth Amendment Center.

In December, **Margaret Chong** participated in the 4th Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest, hosted by National University Delhi. She spoke at a panel on users’ rights, moderated a panel on IP and development, and commented on various junior works-in-progress.

Annette Clark presented at the inaugural session for the new Associate Deans Section at the AALS Annual Meeting in New York.

Brooke Coleman presented at the Teaching Methods Section at the AALS Conference in New York.

On December 10, 2015, **Eric Eberhard** was a presenter on the topic of Indian land acquisition for gaming purposes at the Northwest Indian Gaming Law Summit in Seattle.

Other News

Steven Bender was a facilitator of the associate dean workshop at the AALS conference in New York, and also moderated SALT's annual Cover Workshop, "Race Matters: Creative Entry Points to Create Change on Campus," at Fordham Law School.

Bob Boruchowitz spoke to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission about reasonable limits on caseloads for public defenders, which was covered by the [Lansing State Journal](#).

Lorraine Bannai's book on civil rights pioneer Fred Korematsu is featured in a book round-up by [The Seattle Times](#).

Brooke Coleman's piece about the Chief Justice's Year End Report and the Civil Forms appeared on the ACS Blog [here](#).

Saturday, January 30
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Room 110

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

On December 10, 2015, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Obama's nomination of **Eric Eberhard** to serve another term on the Board of Trustees of the Udall Foundation, and President Obama made the appointment on December 15.

Charlotte Garden was widely quoted on the city's new unionization law, including [KUOW](#), [Bloomberg Business](#) (twice), [KPLU](#), [The Huffington Post](#), the [Associated Press](#) (which distributed the story across dozens of publications), [GeekWire](#), [The Stranger](#), and [Route Fifty](#). Professor Garden also spoke to [The Seattle Times](#) and [KPLU](#) about a legal challenge to the \$15 minimum wage at SeaTac Airport. In January, she attended oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court in the public sector union case of *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association* and offered her analysis in [The Atlantic](#), [Education Week](#), [Ed Source](#), and [ACS Blog](#), which was also featured in the SCOTUSblog round-up.

Susan Kezele, Circulation/Resource Sharing Manager for the Law Library, received the Annual Staff Recognition Award for 2015 at the Annual Staff Luncheon.

Jack Kirkwood was quoted in [The New York Times](#) and [USA TODAY](#), appeared on [KING 5](#), and was interviewed on KCBS radio (San Francisco) about the Seattle City Council's decision to allow Uber, Lyft, and other for-hire drivers to engage in collective bargaining, a step that raises antitrust issues. He was also interviewed by Wired Magazine and The Stranger. In addition, on the federal government's approach to merger enforcement, he was interviewed by *BBC Mundo*.

Are the Oregon militia members terrorists? Professor **John McKay** offered his thoughts to the [Associated Press](#). Also, he will be serving as the Law School representative on January 22 to the University "Year of the Teacher" event, where you will have the opportunity to talk with faculty who have been recognized by peers as innovative in class. Wine and appetizers will be served.

Catherine O'Neill and **Eric Eberhard** led a national effort by Indian Law professors to submit formal comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on its proposed rule for water quality standards for the state of Washington. The 42-page document was submitted to the agency's rulemaking docket on the December 28, 2015 deadline. This effort received mention on [Turtle Talk](#), the premier blog for Indian law academics, practitioners and students.

Staff attorney **Angeline Thomas** '11 is quoted in the [Tacoma News Tribune](#) about why our foreclosure prevention program is reaching out to homeowners in Tacoma.

This [Spokesman Review](#) story about nuisance laws in Spokane cites research by our **Homeless Rights Advocacy Project** and quoted student Justin Olson.

In a guest editorial published in [The Stranger](#) and the South Seattle Emerald, our **Korematsu Center** and **Access to Justice Institute** describe alternatives to juvenile incarceration.

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

