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October 10, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us for our inaugural Indigenous People's Day programming, today at noon and at 4:30 (details below under Upcoming Events). As President Sundborg announced last week, Seattle University is now recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day, and the law school is leading the way with these two programs, which are open to all. We also have the "Guantanamo and its Legacy" presentation in Ron Slye's class on Thursday and a national bioethics symposium on Friday and Saturday, so it's an exciting week in the law school. I hope to see you at some of these events as we continue our work to create and support an active and engaged intellectual community within Sullivan Hall.

Warmly,

Annette

Publications

Maggie Chon's book chapter, "An Economy of Scarcity of Smart Information," was published in *The Internet and the Emerging Importance of New Forms of Intellectual Property*.

Presentations

Steven Bender joined a Minnesota law professor for a plenary panel at the American College of Mortgage Attorneys conference in Newport Beach, California.

Upcoming Events

[Indigenous Peoples' Day](#)

Monday, October 10
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

[Guantánamo and its Legacy](#)

Thursday, October 13
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Room C5

[Hastening Death by Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking: Clinical, Legal, Ethical, Religious, and Family Perspectives](#)

Friday, October 14 – Saturday,
October 15
8:45 AM – 5:15 pm
Campion Ballroom

[Faculty Development Workshop](#)

Tuesday, October 18
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Room 309

[Sidebar Happy Hour in Tacoma](#)

Tuesday, October 18
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Pacific Grill Events Center, Pearl
Room
1530 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA

[Evening with Equal Justice](#)

Thursday, October 20
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

Maggie Chon presented a forthcoming article, “Trademark Goodwill as a Public Good: Brands and Innovation in CSR,” at the Lewis & Clark Business Law Symposium on Innovating Corporate Responsibility from the Global to the Local.

Annette Clark was a panelist along with the deans of the other two Washington law schools for a session on legal education at the National Association of Women Judges annual conference in Seattle on October 7.

Diane Lourdes Dick presented her draft article, “Bondholders vs Retirees in Municipal Bankruptcies: The Political Economy of Chapter 9,” at the Roundtable on Solving the Public Pension Crisis, hosted by the Law & Economics Center of the George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School on September 29 and 30.

Carmen Gonzalez presented “The North-South Divide in International Environmental Law: The Problem of Climate Change” to the Washington State Bar Association World Peace through Law Section. She also presented “Biofuels and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities” at the Lewis & Clark Law School’s Business Law Forum, Innovating CSR: From the Local to the Global.

Lily Kahng spoke about tax incentives for technological innovation on September 30 at the 2016 Joint Fall Meeting of the ABA Tax Section of Taxation and the Trust and Estate Law Division of the ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law. Her co-panelists included Viva Hammer, Legislation Counsel, Joint Committee on Taxation; Daniel Hemel, University of Chicago Law School; Karl Russo, Economist, Joint Committee on Taxation; and Stephen Shay, Harvard Law School.

Other News

Charlotte Garden was quoted in a [Reuters](#) story about Volkswagen’s legal efforts to stop its employees from forming small bargaining units.

David Skover recently helped to edit and then signed an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to grant cert in *Expressions Hair Design v. Scheiderman*. The case involves a circuit split on the constitutionality of “no surcharge” laws in which retailers give “discounts” to cash and check payers but are forbidden to add “surcharges” when customers pay by credit card. The amicus brief supported the retailers who challenged

[8th Annual Supreme Court Watch: Preview of a Critical Year in Law and Politics](#)

Friday, October 21

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Room 110

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

these laws under the First Amendment because they treat identical conduct differently based on how sellers represent their prices. On September 29, the Supreme Court granted cert in the case. Additionally, he helped to edit and then signed a letter joining a widespread campaign to urge President Obama to designate the Stonewall Bar in New York City as a National Monument to preserve the origins of the modern LGBT movement. On June 24, the President responded affirmatively to the nationwide call, and so designated the site.

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