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**SEATTLE  
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**November 7, 2016**

Dear Colleagues,

I attended a very inspiring United Way presentation this morning on the work the agency does to assist the homeless and unsheltered in our community. As we enter the Thanksgiving season and reflect on the many blessings in our lives, I hope you'll consider making a recurring gift to the United Way to help families in need. My thanks to Rick Bird, who is again the law school's United Way ambassador. You'll be hearing from him as well in the coming days.

Best,

Annette

### **Publications**

**Steven Bender** published an article, "Campus Racial Unrest and the Diversity Bargain," in the *Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality*.

### **Presentations**

**Mary Bowman** spoke on two panels at the SALT Conference this fall. One panel, "Social Justice in the Legal Writing Classroom," highlighted the various innovative ways that the legal writing faculty at Seattle U incorporate social justice themes within the core of our legal writing teaching. The other panel, "Social Justice Begins at Home: The Pursuit of Full Citizenship for All Members of the Legal Academy," described status issues faced by many legal writing faculty and clinicians throughout the legal academy, including lack of voting rights, salary disparities, and weak or non-existent security of position. The

### **Upcoming Events**

Social Justice Leadership Training  
Workshop  
Tuesday, November 8  
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Room 109

[King County Regional Veteran  
Court Panel](#)

Wednesday, November 9  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Room 109

Veteran's Day  
Friday, November 11  
**No classes; offices closed**

[Seattle Sidebar Happy Hour](#)  
Tuesday, November 15  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
Blueacre Seafood, Pearl Room,  
1700 7<sup>th</sup> Ave

[Veterans Day Reception](#)  
Thursday, November 17  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery

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presentation focused on the gender imbalance in these positions as compared to tenure positions, explained the work of the Legal Writing Institute's Professional Status Committee (co-chaired by Mary) to address these issues, and invited collaboration with other faculty allies and institutions in working on these status issues throughout the academy.

**Carmen Gonzalez** presented the opening plenary of a symposium at the University of Iowa College of Law in honor of her book, *International Environmental Law and the Global South* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). The title of her presentation was "Environmental Justice and International Environmental Law." The symposium will result in the publication of a series of articles responding to the book and applying its theoretical framework to additional topics at the intersection of international environmental, human rights, and economic law.

**Tayyab Mahmud** presented a paper entitled "Capitalism and Democracy: Mythologies and Histories" at the ClassCrits Conference at Loyola Law School, Chicago.

**Anna Roberts** presented a draft article at the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section Academic Roundtable in Washington, D.C. She also co-chaired the Section's Academics Committee meeting.

## Other News

**Deborah Ahrens** spoke with Amy Clancy at [KIRO 7](#) about why it's important to protect jurors' identities. This was in relation to the trial of accused SPU shooter Aaron Ybarra.

The Worker Rights Clinical Course just wrapped up its third and final Community Clinic of the semester. It is taught by **Liz Ford**, Legal Director of the [Fair Work Center](#). In these clinics, students go into the community (most recently Somali Community Services), meet with workers, answer questions about their legal rights and, under the supervision of experienced employment law practitioners, provide advice and options. The Community Clinic is offered in partnership with King County Bar Association's Neighborhood Legal Clinics. The course takes its lead from Janice Fine, author of *Worker Centers: Organizing Communities at the Edge of the Dream*. Dr. Fine spoke at the first seminar session, giving inspiration and setting out a new

employment standards enforcement strategy focused on governments partnering with worker organizations to monitor and co-enforce minimum standards in the workplace.

**Charlotte Garden** is quoted in [Bloomberg](#) about the National Labor Relations Board's involvement in the class-action case against Uber Technologies by its drivers.

**Jack Kirkwood** analyzed the Ninth Circuit's decision in *O'Bannon v. NCAA*, and the fundamental conflict it raises between protecting athletes and benefiting consumers, at two recent CLEs: the 8th Annual Supreme Court Watch sponsored by Seattle U and the 33rd Annual Antitrust and Consumer Protection Seminar sponsored by WSBA. In addition, he signed an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Visa v. Osborn*, and was interviewed by Politico and Buzz Feed.

Four times in the last six weeks **Tayyab Mahmud** participated in a live current affairs broadcast of Voice of America International Service to discuss the U.S. Presidential elections and the civil wars in Iraq and Syria.

**Anna Roberts** has accepted an invitation to speak about prior conviction impeachment at the 2017 Washington Appellate Judges Spring Conference in Walla Walla.

**Ron Slye** spoke with [Detroit News](#) columnist Bankole Thompson about the need for national reconciliation and healing after the U.S. presidential election.

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