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## Dean's Spotlight

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**December 5, 2016**

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to our final Dean's Spotlight of the semester and of 2016. I hope everyone is prepared for Seattle's version of a blizzard: a media blitz and less than an inch of wet snow that is quickly turning to rain. Here's hoping that's all we get during our exam period!

I (and our graduates) look forward to seeing everyone at our December Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. And, as always at this time of year, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a restful break.

Annette

## Publications

**Steven Bender's** introduction to the 20th anniversary LatCrit symposium, titled "Now, More than Ever: Reflections on LatCrit at Twenty," was published in the Charleston law review.

## Presentations

**Bryan Adamson** presented a lecture entitled "'Thugs,' 'Crooks,' and 'Rebellious Negroes': Racist and Racialized Narratives in the Ferguson, Missouri Media Coverage" at the Indiana University School of Law.

**Lisa Brodoff** was on the planning committee and presented at the Hastening Death by Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking Conference at Seattle U in October. The conference was attended by over 200 people and had speakers from all over the world who came

## Upcoming Events

[Creating Your Law Firm: Your Vision, Your Life CLE](#)

Wednesday, December 7  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
LSAX 142

[Strategic Planning for Sustainability and Growth CLE](#)

Wednesday, December 7  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
LSAX 142

[December Commencement](#)

Saturday, December 17  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Seattle Sheraton Hotel, 1400 Sixth Ave

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together to discuss the legal, ethical, religious, and medical considerations in making this end of life choice. She also gave a presentation to student fellows participating in Washington Bus. The Bus Fellowship is a ten-week long politics, social justice and community organizing program. The Fellows spend the summer learning about politics, organizing and social justice, and apply their skills through hands-on democracy. Lisa discussed the tools lawyers/advocates can use to advocate for people with disabilities and how lawyers are part of the social justice movement.

**Lisa Brodoff** and **Stephanie Wilson** made a presentation at the Northwest Clinical Law Conference entitled, “Teaching Advanced Legal Research Skills for Transfer in Clinics: Uniting Law Librarians with Clinicians to Create a New Learning and Teaching Community.” It described the unique collaboration of clinicians and law librarians at Seattle U wherein the librarians become part of the clinic law firm to teach our students advanced legal research in the context of their real client casework.

**Maggie Chon** spoke at the recent Festschrift for Peter A. Jaszi, hosted by the American University Washington College of Law Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property, on the authorship panel. Her topic was “What Berne Article 15(4) Tells Us.”

**Gillian Dutton** presented on “Cultural Competence and Implicit Bias” at the Network of Adjudicatory Agencies Training for Washington State administrative law judges in Olympia. She also presented on “Ensuring Access to Justice for Limited English Proficient and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Litigants” at the National Association of Women Judges Conference in Seattle, Washington.

## Other News

**Bryan Adamson** was appointed Chair of the Public Policy Task Force of the Greater Seattle Business Association, an organization that provides business development, economic opportunities, social action, and education support to the LGBT community.

**Deborah Ahrens** was quoted in [Crosscut](#) about what a Trump Administration could mean for Seattle’s progressive drug policies, such as safe consumption sites.

**Steven Bender's** article "Campus Racial Unrest and the Diversity Bargain" made SSRN's Top Ten download list for the topics of Affirmative Action, Education Law: College & Graduate Education, and the Politics of Race.

**Gillian Dutton** recorded a webinar with Aruna Sury from Kids in Need of Legal Defense on "Best Practices for Working With Unaccompanied Minors" for the Washington State Bar Association Diversity Program: Diversity and Inclusion Webinar Series. She also provided a training on "Client Interviewing and Working with Interpreters" as part of a CLE for the International Refugee Assistance Project, a student led group for which she is the faculty advisor.

**Margaret Fisher** was quoted in [The Seattle Times](#) about the need for civics education. She's leading an effort to ask the state legislature for increased funding to teach children how government works.

**Carmen Gonzalez's** book, *International Environmental Law and the Global South* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) was favorably reviewed in 25 Review of European Community and International Environmental Law (RECIEL) 399-401 (2016).

**Sara Rankin** published a [Jurist](#) article concerning the criminalization of homelessness.

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