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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to the new semester and the New Year. For those who have been waiting and wondering about the possibility of a UW-Tacoma law school, we received some good news over the weekend: <http://www.thenewtribune.com/news/local/article126537324.html>. While the spin is that the proposed new law school is being “delayed,” the reality is that the idea is being pushed off into the indefinite future, which is great news for Seattle U Law, our students, and our graduates. I’m debriefing with Marty Katz, the author of the feasibility study, tomorrow afternoon, so I’ll have more information to report shortly. My sincere thanks to John Weaver for his presence in the South Sound and for keeping us abreast of these developments.

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Publications

Steven Bender's new article, “Campus Racial Unrest and the Diversity Bargain,” was selected for the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance Monograph Series. He also wrote a chapter titled, “The Chronicles of Immigration Law” in the new book, *Law Professor and Accidental Historian: The Scholarship of Michael A. Olivas*, published in January 2017 by Carolina Academic Press. The UC Davis Law Review published his article, “The Colors of Cannabis: Race and Marijuana,” as part of a symposium in the print edition in December 2016, and is also publishing a separate piece titled, “The Colors of Cannabis: Reflections on the Racial Justice Implications of California’s Proposition 64” in January 2017 as its first on-line law review.

Upcoming Events

[WSAJ Speed Networking Event](#)

Wednesday, January 18
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

[Attorney General's Office Presentation](#)

Thursday, January 19
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Room C6

[West Coast Consortium of Law Schools](#)

Saturday, January 28
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sullivan Hall, 1st Floor

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

Robert Chang and Greg Robinson published their book, *Minority Relations: Intergroup Conflict and Cooperation*, with the University Press of Mississippi.

Catherine O'Neill's recent [article](#), "Exposed: Asking the Wrong Question in Risk Regulation," was published in 48 *Ariz. St. L. J.* 703 (2016).

Chris Rideout's article, "*Ethos*, Character, and Discoursal Self in Persuasive Legal Writing," has been published in 21 *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* 19 (2016).

Anna Roberts has published "[Conviction by Prior Impeachment](#)" with the *Boston University Law Review*.

Presentations

Bryan Adamson presented "Pro Bono and Public Interest Legal Careers" at the Western Regional BLSA Convention hosted at the law school.

Gillian Dutton presented on best practices for international externships as part of a half-day panel on "A Practical Approach to Developing and Assessing Experiential, Meaningful Placements for Incoming and Outgoing Students," co-sponsored by the AALS Section on Clinical Education, the AALS Section on East Asian Law and Society, and the AALS Section on Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers.

Carmen Gonzalez presented on a panel addressing the environmental, labor, human rights, and development implications of the Trans-Pacific Partnership at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). The panel was organized by the AALS International Law Section.

Stephanie Howson participated in a panel entitled "Alumni Advisory Boards: Use Them or Lose Them" at the AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The panel participants discussed how they successfully used an alumni board or why they eliminated a board at their school and shared best practices and lessons learned.

Lily Kahng chaired the AALS Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color at the AALS Annual Meeting on January 6, 2017.

Other News

Bob Boruchowitz's 2015 study on the increased costs associated with death penalty cases was cited in [The Seattle Times](#) editorial calling for an end to the death penalty.

Lisa Brodoff and [Robert's Fund](#) developed a survey of attorneys who practice in Washington State that attempts to determine the specific attitudes, behaviors, and skills that make an *opposing attorney* both a top notch, effective advocate and yet a highly civil, respected and beloved colleague. The Civility Survey was sponsored by the WSBA and sent out to bar members in May 2016. Lisa co-wrote an article with Tim Jaasko-Fischer of Robert's Fund for the [WSBA NW Lawyer Journal Dec. 2016 issue](#) that describes the results and next steps.

Robert Chang was quoted in an article in the [New York Law Journal](#) reporting on a case, *People v. Bridgeforth*, in which the Korematsu Center, joined by national advocacy and affinity bar organizations, submitted an amicus brief. See "N.Y. Ruling, A First, Says Excluding Juror Based on Skin Tone Is Prohibited," republished on [law.com](#). Bob was also invited to speak at several events: Plenary Session: Beyond Balls and Strikes: Approaches to Judging in a Diverse Society, 2017 Appellate Spring Program, State Judicial Conference, April 2017; Panel: "Dykes on Bikes, Nut Sack Ale and The Slants: Free Speech and Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act," New Jersey State Bar Convention, May 2017. He also wrote in [SCOTUSblog](#) about disparaging trademarks and the pending case brought by a Portland dance band.

Charlotte Garden is quoted in [In These Times](#) about future legal challenges to fair-share fees collected by public sector unions. She also spoke with [BuzzFeed](#) about spending cuts at the Service Employees International Union. She's also quoted in [The Stranger's](#) story about a legal challenge to Seattle's worker protection laws.

Paul Holland co-authored an opinion piece in [The Seattle Times](#) about how changing ideas about juvenile justice should cause King County to rethink its plan for a new youth detention center.

Sara Rankin's work proposing a Homeless Bill of Rights is cited in this opinion piece in the [Twin Cities Daily Planet](#).

Anna Roberts has accepted an invitation to present on juror bias to the Washington State Superior Court Judges' Association at their Spring Conference in Spokane.

Upon the grant of certiorari in the case of *Expressions Hair Design v. Schneiderman*, **David Skover** participated in the editing and signing of a merits brief of *Amici Curiae* First Amendment Scholars in support of the petitioner. Oral argument has been held in the case involving a First Amendment commercial speech challenge against a New York law that forbids merchants to declare that a surcharge is imposed on a purchase by credit card use.

Dean Spade is featured in this [AlterNet Q&A](#) about effective resistance during the Trump era. His previous opinions on whether Mayor Ed Murray can block a new youth jail are also cited in this piece by [The Urbanist](#).

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