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February 27, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to Diversity Week, organized and presented by our Student Bar Association. Diversity Week offers programming led by student organizations, faculty, and community members on a range of diversity and law-related subjects. Dean Deming forwarded a comprehensive list of the many presentations/activities to faculty and staff last week, and I hope you will join us as we further the mission of educating powerful advocates for justice. I would particularly ask that you attend this evening's kick-off reception, with Justice Mary Yu as the keynote speaker.

Regards,

Annette

Publications

Won Kidane's book, *The Culture of International Arbitration* (Oxford University Press) has been officially released as of February 24.

Presentations

On February 24, **Tom Antkowiak** presented "The Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Innovations and Setbacks from a Victim-Centered Perspective" at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law. The presentation was part of an annual conference organized by the American Branch of the International Law Association.

Upcoming Events

Diversity Week – please check your email for full schedule.

[Diversity Week Welcome Reception](#)

Monday, February 27
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

[Diversity Week: Hearing, Speech, and Deaf Center](#)

Wednesday, March 1
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Room 329

[Diversity Week: Challenges of Women in Law](#)

Thursday, March 2
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Room 110

[7th Annual Conference on Public Defense CLE](#)

Friday, March 3
8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Room C5

[Spring OCI Networking Event](#)

Tuesday, March 7
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

[Latinx Community Awards Reception](#)

Thursday, March 9

Lori Bannai was a panelist at the University of Washington Day of Remembrance Program, *How Court Concentration Camps Happen*, a program comparing the wartime incarcerations of Jews in Europe and Japanese Americans in the United States. She was also a panelist at the University of Hawai'i, William S. Richardson School of Law program, *National Security and Democratic Liberties: The Continuing Significance of Korematsu v. United States*, and a reception for the local bench and bar at the Hawai'i Supreme Court.

Other News

The Washington Court of Appeals has reversed and remanded a Department of Corrections revocation of an inmate's drug offender sentencing alternative. **Bob Boruchowitz** had filed an amicus in the case with Columbia Legal Services on behalf of the inmate, advocating that his right to counsel had been violated. The Court reversed on other due process grounds but the state conceded that if the case were remanded, it would advise the inmate that he had a right to request counsel.

Robert Chang spoke with [USA Today](#) about constitutional claims against President Trump's new travel ban. Also, [The Stranger](#) covered the Korematsu Center's amicus brief in *Darweesh v. Trump* opposing President Trump's travel ban on behalf of Karen Korematsu and other descendants of those who fought Japanese American internment in WWII.

Liz Ford wrote an opinion piece for [The Seattle Times](#) arguing that Andrew Puzder, the (now withdrawn) nominee to lead the Department of Labor, has no respect for labor standards. In addition, the [Fair Work Center](#) was awarded a \$2.1 million dollar, two-year [grant](#) from the City of Seattle Office of Labor Standards to continue to do wage theft enforcement and outreach work.

Charlotte Garden previewed *McLane Co. v. EEOC*, a labor law case pending at the U.S. Supreme Court, for [SCOTUSblog](#) and analyzed [opening arguments](#). She also commented in [The Atlantic](#) on retaliation against workers who participated in "A Day Without Immigrants."

Carmen Gonzalez was invited to participate in the Opinio Juris blog's symposium on the book, *The Death of Treaty Supremacy: An Invisible Constitutional Change* (Oxford University Press, 2016) by Professor

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

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

David L. Sloss. *Opinio Juris* is a forum for informed discussion and debate about international law and international relations. Her contribution, [Bringing Human Rights Home: Reflections on the Treaty Supremacy Rule](#), is available to read online.

Won Kidane spoke with [KNKX](#) about whether the U.S. Constitution applies to people who aren't citizens. He also explained to [KING 5](#) that Trump's new immigration policies amount to tougher enforcement of existing laws.

Jack Kirkwood was asked by Congresswoman Jayapal's office whether she should support a House bill that would repeal the McCarran-Ferguson Act, which exempts much of the insurance business from the antitrust laws. He advised her to support repeal. He was also interviewed by the health care reporter for *Axios* about the new Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

Tayyab Mahmud's paper, "Surplus Humanity," was cited in an opinion piece in [Truthout](#).

John McKay, in an interview with [KUOW](#), offered ideas other than a travel ban to protect the United States from terrorist attack.

Sara Rankin appeared in [KOMO News](#) coverage of Mayor Ed Murray's latest action on homelessness, calling it too little, too late. (Click "more video.")

Anna Roberts co-chaired a Work-In-Progress Roundtable at the 2016 Criminal Justice Section Fall Institute in Washington, DC.

Andrew Siegel spoke with [KIRO Radio](#) and KING 5 about the ongoing legal battle over President Trump's travel ban and the possibility of a revised executive order.

Dean Spade, in an opinion piece for [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), urged faculty to reflect on how they respond to student activism on their campuses.

Colin Watrin has been selected to present at the inaugural National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP) conference. The presentation, entitled "*Ready or Not - Generation Z is Coming to Law School*," will use generational theory to explore the

unique personality traits and changing needs of our incoming law students.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to Jessica Fuqua in the Dean's Office.

