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January 30, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

We have a number of important events this week, including the Tausend Moot Court Competition finals on Wednesday at 4:30, the Staff Retreat on Thursday morning, and the Strategic Planning Retreat on Friday afternoon. I also want to note our successful hosting of the West Coast Consortium (WCC) Law Fair this past Saturday, with more than 120 prospective law students and 32 visiting law schools in attendance in Sullivan Hall. My thanks to all who help us put on our many events, but particularly to Leann and Arliss for always going the extra mile.

Annette

Publications

Tom Antkowiak recently published a book chapter, "The Americas," in *International Human Rights Law*, Third Edition (Oxford Univ. Press).

Presentations

Steven Bender presented on immigration policy as part of a campus program at Pigott Auditorium that he helped organize, titled "Unimagined Latin@s: Of Great Walls, Borders, Bridges, and Dreams."

Mary Bowman and **Lisa Brodoff** organized and presented at a joint program for the legal writing and clinical sections of AALS. In that session, called "Tips from the Trenches: Teaching Students to Help Social Justice Practitioners from First Year to Graduation," Mary and Lisa highlighted both the longstanding Real Client in the First Year collaborations and their more recent work on teaching for transfer.

Mary Bowman presented as part of a discussion group on "Professional Identity Development Tools to Help Law Students Meet the Needs of Today's Clients" at AALS. In that session, she talked about the focus on

Upcoming Events

Fredric C. Tausend Moot Court Competition
Wednesday, January 31
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Courtroom

Professor Ahren's Oltman Installation
Tuesday, February 6
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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

professional identity development in the new Legal Writing, Skills, and Values course, and she described an exercise that she used with her students based on the Foundations for Practice report from the Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers project.

Jack Kirkwood moderated and spoke on the antitrust section panel at AALS, "Antitrust and Politics," which included two law professors, an economist from the University of Chicago, and Lina Kahn from the Open Markets Institute in Washington, D.C.

Anna Roberts will present on two panels at the Law and Society Association 2018 conference in Toronto: one titled "Truth in Law and Society," and the other titled "Decolonising the Law School Curriculum & The Guerrilla Guides to Law Teaching." She has also been invited to present at the 2018 Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze at Brooklyn Law School.

David Skover will present on his forthcoming book, *Robotica: Speech Rights & Artificial Intelligence* (Cambridge University Press, 2018) on a panel at the Seattle University Law Review's Symposium on Robotics and Law, to be held on Saturday, April 17. (Read more [here](#).) Two other panelists – Bruce Johnson of Davis Wright Tremaine and Professor Helen Norton of the University of Colorado Law School – wrote commentaries on *Robotica* that were published as part of the book

Other News

Steven Bender recorded a podcast on Social Impact Advocacy for the Cerebonas Podcast series organized by Stanford law students. Steve also organized a very successful meeting with AG Bob Ferguson for the students and faculty participating in the Semester-in-Olympia program.

Deborah Borman chaired the section on teaching methods program at AALS, which was praised by Gregory J. Marsden, professor and dean of postgraduate study at Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey, in Monterrey, Mexico in [Legal Skills Prof Blog](#): "I was impressed by the size of the audience, showing how we care deeply about our students and our mission to best prepare them for their life's work in the law. The focus on collaborative learning was particularly relevant, as I strongly believe that students need to practice working as part of a team while still in law school, instead of being expected to do so for the first time after becoming junior associates."

Brooke Coleman spoke with [Bloomberg Law](#) about a ruling that overturns a class action settlement with Hyundai and could likely end up hurting plaintiffs.

Charlotte Garden wrote an essay for [NBC Think](#) about competing claims that Google's employment practices discriminate against men and women.

Sara Rankin is quoted in the [Seattle Weekly](#) about how outstanding warrants can have tremendously damaging consequences for homeless people.

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