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# Dean's Spotlight



March 19, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back from Spring Break! We have a busy week ahead, with our Latinx Community Awards Reception (where we will honor Joaquin Avila), the Bellevue Sidebar reception, and the annual Law Review dinner. Alumni appreciate seeing their favorite faculty and staff at these types of events, so I hope you'll join us.

Annette

## Publications

**Steven Bender** published the sixth edition of his lead author casebook, titled, *Modern Real Estate Finance and Land Transfer: A Transactional Approach* (Wolters Kluwer 2018).

**Won Kidane's** article on "China's and Indian's Investment Treaty Practices and Implications for Africa" has just been published in the *Loyola of Chicago Law Journal*.

**Anna Roberts's** new article, *Arrests as Guilt*, was accepted for publication in the *Alabama Law Review*.

## Presentations

**Bob Boruchowitz** spoke on *Big Lawsuits and "Small" Crimes: National and State Developments*, at the Defender Initiative Conference on Public Defense at SU on March 9. Approximately 85 people, including a number of SU students, attended the conference. ACLU Deputy Legal Director Jeff Robinson was the keynote speaker. Bob also spoke at the Denver County Court's Procedural Justice Symposium on "The Real Cost of Pre-trial Incarceration and The Washington Experience" on March 13 at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

## Upcoming Events

Latinx Community Awards Reception

Wednesday, March 21

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery

Bellevue Sidebar

Thursday, March 22

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Maggiano's Little Italy, 10455 NE 8th St.,  
Bellevue, WA

Learning from the Master Bard: Crafting  
Persuasive Arguments

Friday, March 23

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Room 110

41st Annual Law Review Alumni Dinner

Friday, March 23

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Campion Ballroom

**Offices will be closed on March 30, 2018 for  
Good Friday.**

Visit the School of Law website for more  
upcoming events.

**Robert Chang** presented “Law’s Distributive Force” as the 2018 Mazzocco Lecture at the University of Portland.

**David Skover** participated in a panel sponsored by the Seattle University Law Review Symposium, titled *Singularity: AI and the Law*, held on Feb. 17, 2018. In addition to Skover, the panel, “Robotic Speech and the First Amendment,” featured Professor Helen Norton of the University of Colorado at Boulder Law School and Bruce Johnson of Davis Wright Tremaine of Seattle. The panelists discussed themes from Skover’s forthcoming co-authored book, *Robotica: Speech Rights & Artificial Intelligence*.

**Won Kidane** gave a panel presentation at New York University School of Law on March 8 about China-Africa investment disputes.

## Other News

**Steven Bender** moderated the Minority and Justice Commission panel on Immigration Issues in Civil, Criminal, and Administrative Litigation.

**Debbie Borman** moderated a Plenary Session on Pedagogy (Andragogy), Teaching Methods, and Assessment at the American Constitution Society Third Annual Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, "A Discourse on Cutting Edge Issues in Constitutional Law by National Scholars," at Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Florida, on March 2, 2018.

**Bob Boruchowitz** signed as one of the amici on a brief in the Indiana Supreme Court in *Alford v. Johnson County Commissioners*, a case involving the systemic denial of counsel. The Indiana Court of Appeals had affirmed the lower court’s dismissal of the plaintiffs’ complaint, ruling that the plaintiffs could not obtain prospective relief and that their Sixth Amendment claims were not ripe until the outcome of the criminal proceedings. Amici argue that under *U.S. v. Cronin*, 466 U.S. 648 (1984), prospective relief is appropriate when there is constructive denial of counsel. The other amici are the ACLU, The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the NAACP, and professors Dan Canon and Tigran W. Eldred.

**Charlotte Garden** spoke with [KNKX](#) about *Janus v AFSCME*, currently under consideration at the U.S. Supreme Court. The case challenges the constitutionality of union fees. After attending oral arguments in the case, she offered her analysis of the justices’ questioning for [Capital & Main](#).

**Dee Knapp** attended the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) at the United Nations as a delegate of Mediators Beyond Borders International.

**Sara Rankin** was quoted in [The Seattle Times](#) about a court ruling that a man's vehicle could be legally considered his home. She also spoke with KIRO 7 about the case, which was featured both on television and radio.

**Dean Spade's** scholarship on trans issues was cited in this [Slate](#) essay about trans discrimination in schools.

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