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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the new academic year! As classes begin I'll be on a university Deans' Retreat on Monday and Tuesday, but please know that I'm with you in spirit. I appreciate that so many of our faculty and staff participated in 1L Orientation last week, which by all appearances was very well-received by the students. Thank you to Gerald and his team for bringing in such a great class, and to all who were involved in putting on Orientation, especially Colin, Cindy, Donna, Leann, Arliss, Deann, Mimi, and Megan. Have a great first week.

Best regards,

Annette

### Publications

**Diane Lourdes Dick** recently completed her article, "Equitable Powers and Judicial Discretion: A Survey of U.S. Bankruptcy Judges," which is forthcoming in the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*. The article analyzes the results of a qualitative survey of 51 bankruptcy judges on their perceptions regarding the source, scope, and use of the court's discretionary powers. She will be presenting the paper at the upcoming National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in Washington, DC. She also recently published her article, "Public Hospital Bankruptcies and an Evolving Functional Interpretation of the Bankruptcy Code," in the *Bankruptcy Law Letter*.

**Madeline Kass** wrote a chapter about using pop culture to teach environmental law in a recently published book entitled *The Media Method: Teaching Law With Popular Culture*, edited by Christine A. Corcos and published by [Carolina Academic Press](#).

### Presentations

### Upcoming Events

#### [BBQ & Student Org Fair](#)

Wednesday, August 28, 2019  
4:00pm – 6:00pm  
Sullivan Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor and  
Sullivan Patio

#### [Labor Day](#)

Monday, September 2, 2019  
No classes, offices closed

#### [2019 Domestic Violence Symposium](#)

September 5-6, 2019  
Various campus locations

#### [Constitution Day](#)

Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
No class cancellations

#### [Evening with Equal Justice](#)

Tuesday, October 15, 2019  
5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Sullivan Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery

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

During her sabbatical in Kyoto, **Lori Bannai** spoke to several groups on issues of race in America and the Japanese American incarceration, including the Japanese Association for American Studies and the Doshisha University Department of Migration Studies. She also spoke on a panel on the present-day relevance of the wartime incarceration and *Trump v. Hawaii* at the ABA Annual meeting in San Francisco. This past weekend, she spoke to the Central Regional Conference of the National Asian Pacific Bar Association in Indianapolis with the film “And Then They Came for Us.”

On August 13, **Lisa Brodoff** presented a webinar put on by the [Purposeful Planning Institute](#), entitled *Dementia Advance Care Planning for our Clients, our Families, and Ourselves*. The Institute provides weekly teleconferences and webinars with thought leaders and industry innovators discussing innovative breakthroughs and research in the realms of wealth management, business succession, exit planning, family wealth transitions, legacy and financial planning, personal growth, professional development and collaboration.

**Gillian Dutton** presented a paper on “International Externships: How Effective Programs Can and Should Provide Students the Critical Skills, Social Justice Values and Knowledge for Global Practice” at the European Network of Clinical Legal Education & International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference held in Bratislava, Slovakia in early July.

**Jack Kirkwood** was asked to speak on the antitrust panel at AALS in Washington, D.C. in January. The topic is “Antitrust Reform” and the panelists include the frequently cited author of *Amazon’s Antitrust Paradox*, Lina Kahn. This is the third year in a row in which Jack has presented at or moderated the antitrust panel.

**Laurel Oates** presented a CLE on persuasive writing for the attorneys at Forsberg & Umlauf.

**Chris Rideout** presented a paper titled “Ragged Edges and the Truth of the Thing: Legal Storytelling, Herman Melville, and the Limits of Narrative” at the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference held at the University of Colorado on July 10, 2019.

**Mimi Samuel** gave guest lectures in classes on Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, and Cross-Cultural Lawyering. She also gave presentations to the faculty at each campus on topics including giving effective feedback to students and colleagues; writing across the curriculum; and choosing an effective teaching method.

**David Skover** continued the book tour for his most recently coauthored work, *The People v. Ferlinghetti*. He presented at the Elliot Bay Book Store in Seattle, and he and his author Ron Collins presented at the Public Library in Lewes, Delaware.

## Other News

**Janet Ainsworth** spoke with [The Guardian](#) about her research into racist and sexist expectations for female employees.

**Steve Bender** compared states’ approaches to marijuana legalization in [Longreads](#).

**Lisa Brodoff** wrote and appeared in two video productions describing the Living with Dementia Mental Health Advance Directive she developed with End of Life Washington, available [here](#). The videos were produced by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services Aging and Long-term Support Administration for a future posting on its website to reach and educate consumers interested in dementia planning options.

For the last several months, **Lisa Brodoff** has been in the top 10% of Authors on SSRN as measured by total new downloads within the last 12 months.

**Annette Clark** co-hosted the Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop at the Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law on August 12-13. She also moderated a panel of deans who discussed the topic of “Engaging Key Constituencies.”

**Margaret Fisher** sponsored the three-day Judicial Institute for Teachers in July at the U.S. District Court in Tacoma. Special presenter, Mary Beth Tinker of Tinker v. Des Moines School District, highlighted the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this decision. On August 10, she conducted training of judges, lawyers, and teachers to present Street Law in schools throughout Washington.

**Charlotte Garden** is quoted in [Bloomberg](#) about punishing workers who strike, and in [another story](#) about the ongoing Fight for 15 campaign for low-wage workers. She also spoke with [The Seattle Times](#) about the trend of “crowdworking.” A piece in [SHRM](#) recapped her congressional testimony about changes to federal labor law.

**Charles O’Kelley** was recently elected as a fellow in the [American College of Governance Counsel](#).

**Sara Rankin** is quoted in [VICE](#) about the rise of homeless encampments. She also spoke with [KUOW](#) about the role of homelessness as an issue in August elections and with [HuffPost](#) about punitive actions against people living without shelter. She did an extended interview with [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) about a lawsuit against Grants Pass, OR for its treatment of homeless residents and with [The Takeaway](#) about the failure of homelessness intervention.

**Mimi Samuel** spent the month of July teaching in India at Symbiosis Law School at its campuses in Pune, Hyderabad, Nagpur, and Noida. Professor Samuel worked with the incoming first-year students on their legal analysis, legal writing, and oral advocacy skills to prepare them for an internal moot court competition.

**Andrew Siegel** shared memories of clerking for the late Justice John Paul Stevens in [The New York Times](#) and [The National Law Journal](#).

**Dean Spade** spoke with [KUOW](#) about Washington’s possible addition of “X” as a nonbinary gender marker on drivers’ licenses.

**John Strait** spoke with [The Advocate](#) about a Louisiana Supreme Court justice whose misbehavior went unreported to the public for years.

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