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August 24, 2020

Upcoming Events

Labor Day

Mon, Sept 7

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

No Classes, Office Closed

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

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the new academic year! I usually say that I hope everyone is coming back rested and rejuvenated, but I know better than to utter those words in 2020. I do hope that you feel energized by the virtual return of our students and that you take satisfaction from the creative and collaborative work everyone did this summer to prepare. Last week was a very busy week with Orientation and the Lawyering for Entrepreneurship and Innovation course running throughout the week, and SITIE's Data Justice Workshop occurring on Friday, so my thanks and congratulations to the many individuals (too many to name, but you know who you are 12) who were involved in those very successful efforts. I hope everyone has a terrific first day of the semester.

Best regards,

Annette

Publications

Steven Bender wrote the introduction to the Joaquin Avila Memorial Symposium. Titled, An Instrument at the Forefront of Social Change: The Legacy of Joaquin G. Avila, the Seattle Journal for Social Justice just released the symposium edition.

Diane Lourdes Dick has published her article, "Bankruptcy, Bailout, or Bust: Early Corporate Responses to the Business and Financial Challenges of Covid-19," in the *Bankruptcy Law Letter*.

Presentations

Deirdre M. Bowen presented at the [LR&W Online Teaching Excellence Conference](#) at William and Mary College of Law. Her presentation was on [Using Psychological Principles to Deliver an Online Lecture Effectively](#)

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Margaret Chon participated in the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting as a commentator at the Vagts Roundtable on the topic of “IP Determinants of Health.”

Diane Lourdes Dick, along with partners from DLA Piper and Perkins Coie, presented at a recent webinar hosted by the Society for Corporate Governance Pacific NW Chapter. The discussion focused on Washington’s recently-enacted corporate board gender diversity statute, which Diane worked on with her colleagues on the Washington Corporate Act Revision Committee.

Other News

Deborah Ahrens spoke with [Crosscut](#) about the "outside agitator" narrative common in civic unrest.

Steven Bender was a guest professor in Laura Gomez's spring semester Advanced Critical Race Theory course at UCLA law school, teaching from a forthcoming book *Organizing Academic Activism: LatCrit Theory, Community, and Praxis* co-authored with Frank Valdes, which details the history of the LatCrit movement and its place within Outsider jurisprudence. New York University Press agreed to publish the latest book by Professor Steven Bender, with Frank Valdes (Miami), titled *Organizing Academic Activism: LatCrit Theory, Community, and Praxis*.

Robert Boruchowitz spoke about public defense and related issues to an SU Criminal Justice Department Practicum Class taught by Brooke Gialopsos on August 12th.

Deirdre Bowen’s paper, "BRILLIANT DISGUISE: AN EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS OF A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT BANNING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION," was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: *Peace Rooted in Justice* eJournal.

Annette Clark spoke with [The National Law Journal](#) about the need to offer diploma privilege to law school graduates during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also submitted a letter to the Alaska Supreme Court advocating on behalf of a petition that was brought by graduates (including some Seattle U Law grads) who are registered to take the AK bar exam on Sept. 9 and 10.

Brooke Coleman's scholarship is cited in [The Appeal's](#) article about the coming eviction crisis.

Diane Lourdes Dick has been elected Chair of the WSBA Business Law Section. Her term begins in October. Additionally, she served as the academic member of the Dodd-Frank Working Group (appointed by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to study the resolution of financial institutions as required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010). The Working Group recently completed its fifth report—an examination of the resolution of failed nonbank lenders—and transmitted its findings to Congress.

Charlotte Garden spoke with [Bloomberg](#) about whether the difference in Uber and Lyft business models would affect labor law. She was also quoted in [June](#) and [July](#) in Bloomberg Law articles about LGBTQ employment protections. And in [Crosscut](#), she commented on the ouster of the Seattle police union from the King County Labor Council.

She wrote an essay for [The Century Foundation](#) about workers' collective power during the pandemic. She commented on the Postmates mass arbitration for [Law360](#).

Jack Kirkwood was asked by the Global Competition Law Centre in Florence to help them address buyer power issues at their next annual conference. They plan to present a report on buyer power and other competition issues, and Jack was invited to serve as an advisor.

John McKay is cited in [The Seattle Times](#)'s op-ed about limiting the use of federal troops in D.C.

Sara Rankin spoke with [The Seattle Times](#) about the yearly count of homelessness. She was also a guest on a [Seattle Channel](#) panel, which included former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, about using a capital gains tax to pay for housing. She's also quoted in the [Seattle P-I](#) about the plan to create 500 units of permanent supportive housing in Seattle. In June, she spoke with [The Seattle Times](#) about a proposed tax plan that would pay for housing.

Ron Slye spoke with [USA Today](#) about the movement to change street names or remove monuments as part of reckoning with racial injustice.

Dean Spade is quoted in [HuffPost](#) about the national mutual aid movement. He also published an essay in [TruthOut](#) about getting the police out of LGBTQ pride celebrations.

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