



Predatory Lending Clinic visits New Orleans

A group from the law school's Predatory Lending Clinic spent several days in New Orleans in January, assisting with legal services in the city still ravaged by damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Professor **Bryan Adamson** and students Nick Gasca and Christine Kelly, along with Katija Hakim, senior legal secretary in the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic, went along on the trip. Among other things, they worked on predatory lending issues with New Orleans Legal Assistance, made a presentation about contractor fraud at a senior center and witnessed the devastation that exists two-and-a-half years after the storm and levee failure.

"All these experiences helped us grow as future lawyers," Gasca said at a presentation at the law school.

Read more about their trip and see photographs at a blog created by Hakim to document the trip at <http://predlendinginnola.blogspot.com>.

Another group of students will spend spring break doing legal assistance work in New Orleans.

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Sandra Hodgkinson, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Detainee Affairs, makes a point while Joe McMillan, a partner at Perkins Coie, listens. McMillan worked pro bono on the Hamdan v. Rumsfeld case that successfully challenged legality of military commissions established to try detainees held at Guantanamo Bay.

Law school hosts major academic conferences

The law school has hosted three major academic conferences so far this semester, exploring the topics of terrorism; globalization and justice; and law and religion.

"What is to be Done With 'Terrorists?'" featured nationally known speakers representing a diversity of opinions on the questions, "How Do We Decide Who Are 'Terrorists,' What Do We Do With Them While We're Deciding and How Much 'Process' Are They 'Due?'"

Among the participants were retired Major General John D. Altenburg Jr., former head of the military commissions; J. Wells Dixon, Center for Constitutional Rights; Sandra Hodgkinson, deputy assistant secretary of defense for detainee affairs; **Charles W. Swift '94**, Emory University School of Law, and Professor Michael Greenberger, University of Maryland Law School.

A Globalization and Justice Conference was held in February, under the direction of the law school's Center for Global Justice and the university's Center for the Study of Justice in Society, directed by law Professor **Maggie Chon**.

The program brought together faculty members at Seattle University who have worked in global contexts to encourage in-depth conversations about what it means to do global scholarship. Keynote addresses were given by Anil K. Gupta of the Indian Institute of Management (India) and co-founder of the Honeybee Network, and Francisco Valdes of the University of Miami School of Law and co-founder of LatCrit: Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc.

The law school also presented "Pluralism, Religion and the Law: A Conversation at the Intersection of Identity, Faith, and Legal Reasoning." It covered topics such as "Liberation vs. Oppression: The Role of Religious Morality in Shaping Legal Freedoms," and "Religious Influences on Ethics, Professionalism and the Practice of Law." Peter Fitzpatrick, professor at The School of Law, Birkbeck College, University of London, gave the keynote address.

Around Sullivan Hall

Professor from Practice **John McKay** received the Charles A. Goldmark Award in recognition for exceptional work toward ensuring equal justice from the Legal Foundation of Washington. He shared the award with his brother, Mike. He also was a panelist at the Federal Bar Association of Los Angeles on the topic, "Politics & Prosecutors: Maintaining the Independence of Federal Prosecutors" and will present his Seattle University Law Review article "Train Wreck at the Justice Department: An Eyewitness Account" to a consortium of student groups at Stanford Law School.

Assistant Dean of Student Financial Services **Kathleen Koch** is participating as a member of a newly formed national advisory committee on loan forgiveness, chaired by Representative John Sarbanes (D-MD), member of the House Committee on Education and Labor. Sarbanes was the key player who obtained passage of the broad version of the loan forgiveness section of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act in the House and in the conference committee. The committee will research and work to develop and request statutory and regulatory language to eliminate tax burdens the loan forgiveness may present to borrowers.

Professor **Ron Slye** spoke at the opening night of the Seattle Human Rights Film Festival in connection with the film, *New Year Baby*, about Cambodia and a family that survived the Khmer Rouge atrocities.

Professor **Maggie Chon** just published an article: Slouching Towards Development in International Intellectual Property in the winter 2007 issue of the Michigan State Law Review. Her co-authors are Professor Denis Borges Barbosa of the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and Professor Andrés Moncayo von Hase of the University of Buenos Aires.

Professor **Edwin Abuya** published two articles in 2007: "Reinforcing Refugee Protection in the Wake of the War on Terror", in the Boston College International and Comparative Law Review, and "Past Reflections, Future Insights: African Asylum Law and Policy in Historical Perspective" in the International Journal of Refugee Law.

Professor **Deirdre Bowen** was instrumental in the creation of a Zen Mediation Program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women. Through a discussion of the work of Kiran Bedi in Bowen's Criminal Justice Organizations course, former student, Shawn Kaminsky, was inspired to develop a proposal to create the mediation program at the prison to bring about institutional change, as required in Bowen's Criminal Justice Senior Synthesis class.

Professor **Mimi Samuel** and Professor **Jana McCreary**, from the University of Memphis, conducted a 5-day seminar on Clear and Effective Legal Writing at the International Law Institute's African Centre for Legal Excellence in Kampala, Uganda during the first week of December. The seminar was attended by attorneys in private practice and from government agencies in Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Malawi.



The State Supreme Court justices hear oral arguments in a case at Sullivan Hall.

State Supreme Court justices visit law school

Students had the opportunity to watch attorneys argue before the Washington State Supreme Court and the chance to talk to the justices during a visit to the law school in February.

The court visited the law school for two days. Justices attended classes, had lunch with students and heard oral arguments on three cases in the Fred H. Dore Courtroom at Sullivan Hall.

"The Supreme Court has been incredibly gracious with their time," Associate Dean and Professor Eric Chiappinelli said. "It is so kind of them and so valuable for us. Our students are very much better off for what you have done."

Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson, a 1976 graduate of Seattle University School of Law, said it was a pleasure to bring his colleagues to his alma mater.

"We are so proud of Seattle University and the legal education being provided here," Chief Justice Gerry Alexander said.

Early Enrollment: Summer Criminal Law Option

Seattle University School of Law has always provided the opportunity for students to begin their studies in the summer, three months earlier than the traditional fall start time. This popular option has so many advantages that more than half of our entering students now arrive for classes in June. For those who want to consider it, here are the most commonly asked questions about our summer program:

What are the advantages of taking Criminal Law this summer?

By taking Criminal Law in the summer, students adjust to the legal learning environment. They reduce their fall term class load from 6 classes to 5 - which also means one less final exam come December. Students often use the summer class to develop study and exam-taking skills that will serve them throughout their first year. In addition, they enjoy a "leg up" on the housing and/or job markets and still have time to enjoy the pleasures of summer in the Pacific Northwest.

Do I get credit for the course?

Of course! You will receive 4 credits for Criminal Law whether you take it during the summer or fall. But if you choose summer, your fall course load will be 12 credits instead of 16.

When is Criminal Law offered?

The Law School offers three sections of summer Criminal Law, all of which meet Monday through Thursday, beginning June 23. The afternoon sections meet from 2:50–5:00 p.m. and the evening section is from 5:50–8:00 p.m.

Is there financial aid available for the summer?

Yes. Taking Criminal Law in the summer will not change the total amount of the financial aid you receive, but we can revise your package so that some of the aid will be available to you for the summer term.

You will need to budget accordingly for the remainder of the year.

Will it cost extra money to start law school in the summer?

No. Tuition for the year is based on 30 credits. You will pay for Criminal Law (4 credits) in June. Your fall tuition will be reduced accordingly. Tuition and fees for the 2008-2009 academic year will be set in March.

What if I need to work this summer?

That should be no problem. Choose which section you would prefer when you log on to complete your registration in late spring. Those who plan to work full-time usually enroll in the evening section.

Is there a limit to enrollment in either of the sections?

No. Those who have been admitted in the full-time program generally divide themselves fairly evenly between the three sections. Most, if not all, of those admitted to our part-time program choose the evening section. We can generally accommodate your choice as long as you register before the summer registration deadline.

By when do I need to tell you that I want to enroll this summer?

It is best if you let us know as soon as possible. You should notify us of your plans to start summer no later than June 2 to assure your space in the class, make needed changes to your financial aid and ensure your receipt of the summer registration packet.

Will there be an orientation prior to the class?

Yes. Orientation information will be sent with confirmation of your deposit into the class and can also be picked up at the Spring Visit Day. While it is optional, most students find the orientation extremely helpful in preparing them for a success



Questions? Give us a call!

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June 16
ARC Summer Criminal Law start

June 23
Summer Criminal Law start

August 21
Fall Orientation and classes start

Students learn how to pursue public interest goals

Students interested in the idea of public interest work but not quite sure how to make it happen benefited from a week of events coordinated by the Access to Justice Institute to educate

to do to take advantage of the benefits of the new law.

Jarvis also held another session showing students how to qualify for Equal Justice Works fellowships. EJW is the nation's larg-

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them about the practical side of integrating service into their careers.

Activities included informational sessions about dealing with loan debt and pursuing post-graduate fellowships, job shadows with local attorneys, and a symposium with Professor from Practice **John McKay** and former Judge **Don Horowitz**. The week ended with the Public Interest Law Foundation's annual auction, which raises money to fund public interest law summer grants.

Throughout the week, the Student Bar Association hosted the fifth annual Job Shadow Week. Students spent a day shadowing legal professionals at agencies including Columbia Legal Services, Eastside

Legal Assistance Program, King County Bar Association Legal Services, Legal Action Center, Northwest Immigrants Rights Project, Northwest Justice Project, Seattle Community Law Center, Solid Ground (formerly the Fremont Public Association) and the Unemployment Law Project.

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Heather Jarvis, an attorney with Equal Justice Works in Washington D.C., left, and Diana Singleton '98, director of the law school's Access to Justice Institute.

est postgraduate legal fellowship program. **Erin Shea '07** and EJW fellow at Columbia Legal Services, talked to students about her experience.

Former Judge Don Horowitz and Professor from Practice John McKay continued their "Making a Difference" series by focusing on the development of excellent professional skills and exploring the opportunities and barriers to serving the public interest as a lawyer.

Law school celebrates 35 years with gala celebration

Seattle University School of Law celebrates 35 years of standing for excellence and reaching for justice with a gala celebration and special Seattle Symphony performance Friday, April 25, at Benaroya Hall in downtown Seattle.

The symphony, under the direction of Gerard Schwarz, will perform a program of major works, highlighted by Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," narrated by special guest Anna Deavere Smith, actress, playwright, author and teacher. When her work was recognized with a prestigious MacArthur Award, it was described as "a blend of theatrical art, social commentary, journalism and intimate reverie."

Among her many honors, Ms. Smith received the 2007 Kitty Carlisle Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts from Americans for the Arts and the 2007 New York Mayor's Award for Art and Culture. She was the recipient of the 2006 Alphonse Fletcher Fellowship, which recognizes work by scholars, writers and

artists who address and carry out the broad social goals of the Brown v. Board Supreme Court decision of 1954.

She has performed in film and television and is well-known for her role as National Security Advisor Nancy McNally on the hit show, "The West Wing." Ms. Smith is University Professor at New York University, where she is on the faculty of the Tisch School of the Arts and affiliated with the New York University School of Law.

Her theater combines the journalistic technique of interviewing her subjects with the art of interpreting their words through her performance. Among her works are the critically acclaimed Broadway Show "Twilight: Los Angeles," about the 1992 Los Angeles riots, and "Fires in the Mirror,"

which examined a race riot that occurred in Crown Heights and was a runner up for the Pulitzer Prize.

Her book, "Talk to Me: Listening Between the Lines," is based on her observations of time she spent in Washington, D.C. To prepare for that book, she followed both President Clinton and Bob Dole on their 1996 campaign trails. Her articles and writings have appeared in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, The New Yorker, O Magazine, O Home, Elle, The Atlantic,, A Public Space, Essence, Fortune, and The Drama Review. Her latest book is "Letters to a Young Artist."

For more information and registration, visit <http://www.law.seattleu.edu/35thanniversary>.



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