



AALS East Asian Law & Society Section Newsletter: A Roundup of East Asian Law and Society News, and Call for Reports of Members' Activities

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Section Officers (as of December 2017)

Chair, 2017: James Feinerman, Georgetown University Law Center

Immediate Past Chair, 2016: Carole Silver, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Chair-Elect, 2017: Robert B Leflar, University of Arkansas School of Law (to become **Chair in 2018**)

Secretary, 2017: Setsuo Miyazawa, University of California Hastings College of the Law

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Ilhyung Lee, University of Missouri School of Law

Judith McMorrow, Boston College School of Law

Tim Webster, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Margaret Woo, Northeastern University School of Law

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Greetings from Chair-Elect Rob Leflar

Congratulations on a productive year – as demonstrated by the reports you'll read in this newsletter! I hope to see most of you at AALS in San Diego. We sponsor or co-sponsor three sessions: (1) our Call-for-Papers session, Friday Jan. 5, 1:30-3:15 [session 5365], at which we'll honor and discuss papers submitted by Wen-chen Chang & David Law, Yu-jie Chen, Ayako Hatano, and Judith McMorrow, Sida Liu & Benjamin van Rooij; (2) New Directions for U.S.-Based Law Studies for Foreigners, Saturday Jan. 6, 1:30-3:15 [6370]; and (3) our annual Section meeting at lunch on Saturday, 12:15-1:30 [1418], at which we'll honor Setsuo Miyazawa for his service to EALS and elect officers for the coming year.

Section leadership opportunities: Setsuo Miyazawa, founder and godfather of this Section, as Secretary in 2017 would normally be slated to succeed as Chair-Elect in 2018. But because of a bizarre decision by his U.S. law school, U.C. Hastings, not to continue his full-time faculty status, under AALS rules he can't serve. The bright side of this is that two Section leadership positions (Chair-Elect and Secretary) rather than one, are open to the Section membership. So those willing to step forward and volunteer have an opportunity to do so at our Section meeting in San Diego, Saturday at 12:15. (The location within the conference hotel will be announced at the conference.)

Section News

by Setsuo Miyazawa, UC Hastings
EALS Section Secretary for 2017

I. Publication of the Papers Presented at the Call for Papers Session at the 2017 AALS Meeting

From among the papers presented at the Call for Papers Session at the 2017 AALS Meeting in San Francisco in January 2017, the following papers have been published in Volume 12, Issue 3, Spring 2017 of the *University of Pennsylvania Asian Law Review*. Carole Silver (Northwestern University) contributed "Introduction: Law & Society in the Context of East Asia."

- Anna High (Loyola University of Chicago), "'It's Grace and Favor, It's Not Law': Extra-Legal Regulation of Foreign Foster Homes in China."
- Colin P. A. Jones (Doshisha University), "From Great Writ to Tuning Fork: How Habeas Corpus Was Tamed in Japan."
- Park Kyung Sin (Korea University) and You Jong-Sung (Australian National University), "Criminal Prosecutions for Defamation and Insult in South Korea with a Leflarian Study in Election Contexts."

II. East Asian Law & Society Section Events at the 2018 AALS Meeting in San Diego

Those who have not yet registered are urged to register from <https://www.aals.org/am2018/>. The EALS Section will have the following sessions.

Friday, January 5, 2018, 1:30 - 3:15 pm [5365] East Asian Law & Society – Call for Papers: Research in Progress on East Asian Law & Society

The Selection Committee consisting of Eric Feldman (Penn), Chulwoo Lee (Yonsei), Robert B Leflar (Arkansas, chair), Craig Martin (Washburn), and Teemu Ruskola (Emory) selected the following papers.

- Wen-chen Chang (National Taiwan University) and David Law (Washington University in St. Louis and University of Hong Kong), "Chinese Constitutionalism: An Oxymoron?"
- Yu-jie Chen (Academia Sinica), "Localizing Human Rights Treaty Monitoring: Case Study of Taiwan as a Non-UN Member State."
- Ayako Hatano (NYU), "Can Strategic Human Rights Litigation Complement Social Movements? A Case Study of the Anti-Hate Speech Movement in Japan"
- Judith McMorrow (Boston College), Sida Liu (University of Toronto), and Benjamin van Rooij (UC Irvine), "Lawyer Discipline in an Authoritarian Regime: Empirical Insights from Zhejiang Province, China"

The winning papers will receive offers of publication in the *Asian Law Review*, published at the University of Pennsylvania.

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 12:15 – 1:30 pm [1418] East Asian Law & Society Luncheon

Ticket price \$75 per person.

Jim Feinerman (Georgetown) will become the Immediate Past Chair, Rob Leflar (Arkansas) will become the Chair, while Setsuo Miyazawa (UC Hastings) will resign as the Secretary. Election of the Chair-Elect and the Secretary will be conducted.

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 1:30 – 3:15 pm

[6370] East Asian Law & Society, Co-Sponsored by Graduate Programs for Non-U.S. Lawyers and International Legal Exchange – New Directions in U.S. Based Law Studies for Foreigners.

III. Join the EALS Section

Those who have not yet joined the EALS Section are urged to join by writing both to the AALS <mailto:support@aals.org> and to Rob Leflar, rbleflar@uark.edu.

News from Section Members



Keith Hand
Associate Dean for Global Programs, Professor of Law, and Director of the East Asian Legal Studies Program, University of California, Hastings College of the Law

East Asian Legal Studies Program at UC Hastings

In January 2015, the University of California, Hastings College of the Law formally established an East Asian Legal Studies Program. Co-founders Senior Professor Setsuo Miyazawa and Associate Dean for Global Programs Keith Hand had three core objectives in launching the program: to establish a hub for research and exchange on East Asian Legal systems in the heart of San Francisco, to advance mutual understanding of the historic changes taking place in this dynamic region, and to provide the next generation of UC Hastings students with the knowledge and professional training they will need to work effectively with clients and counterparts around the Pacific Rim.

The program takes a multifaceted approach to advance these objectives. It adds to an already rich selection of international and comparative law courses at UC Hastings by offering survey courses on the Chinese and Japanese legal systems and specialized seminars on Chinese business law, Japanese business law, and the impact of China's rise on the international legal order. It offers students opportunities to participate in exchanges at leading universities across in East Asia, including Waseda University, Hitotsubashi University, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, National Taiwan University, and Yonsei University. Our cooperative intern placement relationships with employers and bar associations in East Asia facilitate student access to high-level internships across the region.

Finally, the program provides a robust offering of lectures, conferences, and public programs. In the fall of 2017, for example, the program organized its sixth annual symposium on the Japanese legal system (which focused on hate speech laws in Japan); hosted David Rank, former Charge d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, for a lecture on U.S.-China relations; welcomed leading scholars and practitioners to lecture on topics ranging from corporate governance in Japan to regulatory compliance in China; and held a special ceremony to celebrate Senior Professor Setsuo Miyazawa's festschrift.

The UC Hastings East Asian Legal Studies Program welcomes opportunities to discuss scholarly and professional collaboration, academic exchange, conferences, or other collaborative projects and to host visiting faculty and scholars at our central San Francisco campus.



Andrew Harding
Professor of Law
National University of Singapore

2017 for me began with the publication of *Constitutionalism and Legal Change in Myanmar*, which I edited with Khin Khin Oo. This came out with Hart/ Bloomsbury. I am also co-founding-editor of the same publisher's series *Constitutional Systems of the World* (which foregrounds contextual analysis of constitutional systems and is therefore very much law-and-society work), and I worked extensively on Scott Newton's book, *The Constitutions of the Independent States of Central Asia: A Contextual Analysis*, which came out in February, as well as Arun Thiruvengadam's *The Constitution of India: A Contextual Analysis*, published in December. We have already published eight other books on Asian countries. I also worked with Dian AH Shah editing a book called *Law and Society in Malaysia: Pluralism, Ethnicity and Religion*, which will appear in the new year with Routledge; and with Maartje de Visser and Hu Jiaxiang on a book called *Legal Education in Asia: From Imitation to Innovation*, published in December with Brill. In September I submitted a book MS to Cambridge UP on *Constitutional Courts in Asia*, which I edited with Albert Chen. I have chapters in all the books I have edited listed above, in addition to which I have been working up material on the new monarchy in Malaysia, presented at a conference in Cambridge in July; and published an article on devolution in Sarawak. I am preparing to teach from January a course on Law and Society in South East Asia with George Radics from NUS Sociology Department, which will be a first at NUS in bringing law students and sociology students together in the same class.

Cheers, Andrew



Virginia Harper Ho
Professor of Law & Edwin W. Hecker, Jr. Teaching Fellow, Co-Director, Polsinelli Transactional Law Center, University of Kansas School of Law

Virginia Harper Ho is a Professor of Law at the University of Kansas School of Law and the Co-Director of its Polsinelli Transactional Law Center. She is currently a Fellow of the National Center on U.S.-China Relations' (NCUSCR) Public

Intellectuals Program and in October concluded her term as the Chair of the Younger Comparativists' Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL). She is currently studying China's green finance reforms. In 2016 and 2017 she presented her work on these topics at Harvard Law School, the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SHUFE), the Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE), and the University of Sheffield. She also served as a local commentator for the NCUSCR's China Town Hall, featuring former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and National Security Advisor Susan Rice.



Robert H. Hu
Professor of Law and
Director
St. Mary's University
School of Law
Institute on Chinese Law
and Business

Robert H. Hu of St. Mary's University School of Law has recently published the 2nd edition of his book, *Research Guide to Chinese Copyright Law* (Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2016). Additionally, in

October 2017, he gave a presentation, entitled *American Legal Education and Legal Profession*, to law students and faculty at Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics in Nanchang, China.

On August 31, 2017, Robert Hu organized an international symposium in collaboration with the Korean Legislation Research Institute (KLRI). The symposium, entitled *Contemporary Legal Issues of Korea and the U.S. in a Globalizing World*, was held on the campus of St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas. It drew a Korean delegation, U.S. and international scholars and practitioners from around the world.



David S. Law
Charles Nagel Chair
of Constitutional Law
and Political Science,
Washington University in
St. Louis
Sir Y.K. Pao Chair in Public
Law, The University of
Hong Kong

Since July 2016, I have been in residence at the University of Hong Kong as the Sir Y.K. Pao Chair in Public Law while on leave from Washington

University in St. Louis. I have been taking advantage of this time in Asia to do as much Asia-related work as possible. This

includes taking on the co-editorship of the Oxford Handbook of Constitutional Law in Asia. With an extensive roster of both distinguished and up-and-coming contributors drawn primarily from Asia, this volume of 50+ chapters will hopefully help to increase the accessibility and raise the global profile of Asian scholarship and Asian public law. Likewise, the hosting of the ICON-S conference at HKU in June 2018 will hopefully help to do the same.

In June, Wen-Chen Chang and I hosted a conference at HKU for the contributors to *Constitutionalism in Context*, a hybrid textbook-handbook to be published in 2018 by Cambridge University Press and consisting of 20+ case studies of emerging issues in the context of jurisdictions rarely encountered in the literature (such as Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Cyprus, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sudan, Taiwan, and Thailand, to name a few).

In November, Malcolm Langford and I hosted a conference at the University of Oslo for the contributors to *Research Methods in Constitutional Law*, a handbook commissioned by Edward Elgar that surveys a very broad range of research methods and agendas (from fieldwork and historical research, to machine learning and artificial intelligence). A highlight of the experience was a tour of the Norwegian Supreme Court and Q&A session conducted by Justice Arnfinn Bardesen.

Perhaps most memorable for me, however, was the opportunity to spend much of August at the Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law (JSW), Bhutan's first-ever law school, which just opened. The focus of the visit was to research the drafting of Bhutan's new constitution and on constitutional adjudication in Bhutan, and to lay the groundwork for JSW's constitutional law curriculum. The visit also offered the opportunity to forge ties with the Bhutanese judiciary, including the establishment of a program (with the keen support of Dean Nancy Staudt) that will enable Bhutanese judges to study at Washington University in St. Louis. In the photo, I'm dressed in traditional Bhutanese attire (in the case of men, a robe-like garment called a gho) and ready for fieldwork at the Supreme Court of Bhutan.



Robert B. Leflar
Professor of Law,
University of Arkansas
School of Law

Rob Leflar is the chair-elect of the East Asian Law & Society Section. He has been teaching products liability law during fall 2017 at National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu, Taiwan, after a summer research stint at the University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, his usual

summer home. He has kept busy this year giving a number of presentations around east Asia, including:

- "Law and Patient Safety: International Comparisons," National Taiwan U.
- "Informed Consent: Patients' Rights, Physicians' Duties,"

and What Actually Happens,” Univ. of Tokyo, Hongo

- “Health Information and Patient Safety,” Univ. of Tokyo, Komaba
- “Japanese Patient Safety Reforms in an International Context,” 12th Annual Symposium of Japan Society for Quality and Safety in Healthcare, Makuhari, Chiba, Japan
- “Patient Safety and Law Reform: A Transpacific Comparative Analysis,” Taiwan Society of Law & Medicine, 30th Anniversary International Conference, Taipei, Taiwan,
- “Medical Injury and Patient Safety Reforms in Japan,” II Conference on Medical Law, University of Macao
- “Death, Dying, and the Law in America and Abroad,” National Chiao Tung U. School of Law, Hsinchu, Taiwan
- “Medical Injury and Politics in Japan and America,” Temple U./Japan, Tokyo
- “The Saga of U.S. Health Care Reform (Part VIII): The Assault on Obamacare and the Battle for America’s Soul,” Medicine & Law Research Group, Sophia U. law faculty, Tokyo
- “Patient Safety and Medical Injury Compensation in Japan, the U.S., and Taiwan,” Law & Society Association annual conference, Mexico City

In January 2018, Rob returns to the University of Arkansas School of Law.



Setsuo Miyazawa
Senior Professor of Law
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Hastings College of the
Law

Setsuo Miyazawa turned 70 on May 5, 2017. Four of his former students edited *Legal Process in Contemporary Japan: A Festschrift in Honor of Professor Setsuo*

Miyazawa's 70th Birthday and published it from Shinzansha in Tokyo on May 13. This is a two-volume publication with 71 contributions, including 18 in English, from scholars in Belgium, the Netherlands, the United States, Japan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, and Australia (ISBN 978-4-7972-8211-5 & 978-4-7972-8212-2). Covering topics such as legislative and administrative processes, legal education, legal profession, judiciary, civil disputing process, criminal justice, legal transformation, disaster and law, theories and perspectives, and socio-legal studies in East Asia, the book is a highly useful encyclopedia of current issues in law and society in Japan. A dedication party was held on the publication day with approximately 80 guests, including two former Supreme Court Justices and guests from South Korea (see the photo). A session in his honor was also held at the Law & Society Association meeting in Mexico City on June 21. At UC Hastings, he taught a seminar on Japanese legal system in the fall and organized an annual symposium on

Japanese law on the topic of hate speech on September 21, and a reception in his honor was held on November 2. On the other hand, he reached the mandatory retirement in Japan even as an adjunct, and UC Hastings decided to change him to a short-term visiting professor. He is resigning as the Secretary of the EALS Section of the AALS because he will no longer be a regular faculty member of an American law school. He is exploring how he can continue activities for the EALS section.



Andrew M. Pardieck
Associate Professor of
Law
Southern Illinois
University School of Law

Andrew M. Pardieck was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Law at the Southern Illinois University School of Law. His forthcoming publications include *Amerika Seizobutsu Sekinin Soshō no Genjō to “Kanrisareru Seigi”*

[*Products Liability Litigation in the United States & “Managed Justice”*], in *Segawa Nobuhisa Sensei Yoshida Katsumi Sensei Koki Kinen Ronbunshū* [Festschrift in Honor of the 70th Birthday of Professors Nobuhisa Segawa & Katsumi Yoshida] (Seibundo 2018) and, along with Professor Tomohiko Maeda of Meijo University, *ADR in Japan's Financial Markets & The Rule of Law*, 10 NE. L REV. __ (2018). Professor Pardieck is also the recipient of a two-year grant from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership. He is coordinating research on plea-bargaining in Japan, South Korea and the United States by colleagues including Professors Makoto Ibusuki, Seijo University; Kosuke Wakabayashi, Ritsumeikan University; Minchi Kim, Sookmyung Women's University; Yuhwa Han, Chungbuk National University; Ro-Seop Park, Hallym University; Lucian Dervan, Belmont University College of Law; and Vanessa Edkins, Florida Institute of Technology.



Erin Ryan
Elizabeth C. & Clyde W.
Atkinson Professor
Florida State University,
College of Law

Erin Ryan is the Elizabeth C. & Clyde W. Atkinson Professor of Law at Florida State University. In the past year, her publications include *Breathing Air with Heft: An Experiential Report on Environmental Regulation and Public Health in Urban China*,

42 U.C. DAVIS ENVIRONS __ 2018; *Secession and Federalism in the United States: Tools for Managing Regional Conflict in* 5

a *Pluralist Society*, 96 OREGON L. REV. __ 2017; *Negotiating Environmental Federalism: Dynamic Federalism as a Strategy for Good Governance*, 2017 WISC. L. REV. 17 (2017); *Fisheries Without Courts: How Fishery Management Reveals Our Dynamic Separation of Powers*, in "Environmental Law Without Courts," 32 J. LAND USE & ENVTL. L. 430 (2017); *Federalism, Regulatory Architecture, and the Clean Water Rule: Seeking Consensus on the Waters of the United States*, 46 ENVTL. L. 277 (2016); and *Multilevel Environmental Governance in the United States*," ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST, Vol. 25.3, Nov. 2016.

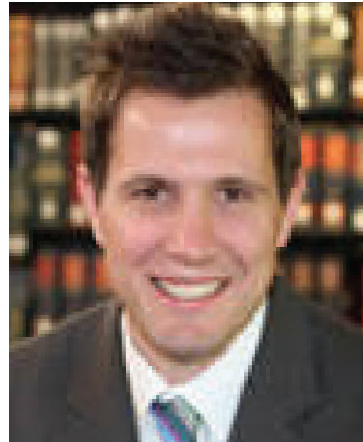
She presented widely in North America, Europe, and Asia, including a talk on the structure of Chinese environmental governance at an international environmental law conference in Canada, a presentation on environmental federalism at Tsinghua University in Beijing, a guest lecture on U.S. environmental law at Ocean University of China in Qingdao, and a presentation on dynamic federalism at a London conference among the contributing authors to the OXFORD RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON LEGAL PLURALISM. She also shared forthcoming scholarship at Queens University in Belfast, the University of Michigan, the University of Wisconsin, Arizona State, and Texas A&M University, among others. This year, she responded to media inquiries from Xinhua News-Beijing, Bloomberg BNA, The Hill, Florida Public Radio, Capitol Update, The Hill, Power Magazine, and others. Ryan looks forward to a research leave next year, during which she will teach a course on international water issues at Bar Ilan University in Israel.



Carole Silver
Professor of Global Law &
Practice
Northwestern University
Law School

Carole Silver participated in a conference in September at the University of California Irvine School of Law, *The Globalization of Legal Education: A Critical Study*. The conference was organized by the Center on Globalization, Law and Society and the Center for

Empirical Research on the Legal Profession, both at University of California-Irvine School of Law, and the Australian National University School of Regulation and Global Governance. Silver and her co-author, Swetha S. Ballakrishnen of New York University Abu Dhabi, wrote about the changing demographics of international student participation in US law schools. Their paper, "Sticky Floors, Springboards, Stairways and Slow Escalators: Mobility Pathways and Preferences of International Students in U.S. Law Schools," analyzes the ways in which models of international student experiences contribute to theories of malleable social capital and transnational recursivity.



Timothy Webster
Associate Professor of
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Director of Asian Legal
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U.S. Director, Joint
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Commercial Law &
Dispute Resolution
Case Western Reserve
University School of Law

Tim Webster recently published "Why Does the United States Oppose Asian Investment?," a critical examination of the creation of U.S. investment law and policy. It appeared in the Summer 2017 issue of the *Northwestern Journal of International Law and Business*. His most recent article, "Discursive Justice: Interpreting World War II Litigation in Japan," discusses the transnational reparations movement in East Asia. It was selected, by competitive process, for presentation at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law, and is forthcoming in the *Virginia Journal of International Law* (2018). He is currently working on a companion piece, *The Price of Settlement*, which evaluates settlement agreements between Asian forced laborers, and the Japanese corporations that enslaved them during the war. He has presented this research at conferences, workshops and colloquia in the United States, China, Korea, and Taiwan.

In March, Tim will resume his visiting position at the University of Paris (Dauphine), to teach Corporate Social Responsibility. In May, he will teach International Investment Law at Southwest University of Political Science and Law, in Chongqing, China.



Charles Weisselberg
Shannon Cecil Turner
Professor of Law
Faculty Director, Sho Sato
Program in Japanese and
U.S. Law
University of California
Berkeley Law School

Chuck Weisselberg (UC Berkeley, School of Law) recently published a comparative study of the right to counsel during police investigations and interrogations, and the implementation of 'Miranda-like' warnings. The article, *Exporting and Importing Miranda*, 97 B.U. L. Rev. 1235 (2017), focuses on Japan, the United States, and developments in Europe following decisions from the European Court of Human Rights and directives from the European Parliament and Council of the European Union. The article is available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3048054

Waseda University and the UC Berkeley's Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law he directs held their fourth joint conference on professional legal education in Tokyo on December 9 and 10. The conference included discussions of the organization, pedagogy, and future of graduate professional law schools, changes in the structure of the legal profession, the 'justice gap,' and innovations in the delivery of legal services.

NYU Law receives \$5 million gift from the Government of Japan

NYU School of Law has announced a grant of \$5 million from the Government of Japan for an endowment of the U.S.-Asia Law Institute (USALI) to ensure its long-term sustainability and to promote the use of international law to resolve conflicts and disputes in Asia.

A research center that seeks to promote the rule of law and human rights in Asia, USALI serves as a resource and partner for various Asian countries as they develop their legal systems, and is one of the leading research centers in the US for the study of law in Asia.

"We are enormously grateful to the government of Japan for its generous support of the US-Asia Law Institute," said NYU Law Dean Trevor Morrison. "The Law School is dedicated to advancing scholarship in comparative and international law, and this grant will further the institute's important work promoting mutual understanding between the United States and Asia on legal issues, engaging with Asian partners to advocate for legal reform, and educating our students and the public about legal developments in Asia."

The grant recognizes the pathbreaking work of Professor of Law Jerome Cohen and USALI, guaranteeing that the leadership and research of the institute continue well into the future.

The announcement of the gift coincided with USALI's 23rd Annual Timothy A. Gelatt Memorial Dialogue on the Rule of Law in East Asia, which took place on November 6. This year's day-long program was titled "China and International Law: Human Rights, Sovereignty, and Dispute Resolution." One of the discussions, "Japan, China, and Disputes in the East China Sea," featured Ambassador Reiichiro Takahashi, consul general of Japan in New York, and Ren Ito LLM '04, senior fellow at USALI.

Guided by Wilf Family Professor of Property Law Frank Upham, author of the highly regarded book "Law and Social Change in Post-War Japan," USALI scholarship related to Japan has deepened over the years. USALI regularly hosts two to four visiting scholars from Japan



At signing ceremony (L to R): Reiichiro Takahashi, Jerome Cohen, Ren Ito LLM '04, Trevor Morrison

for one-year periods each, and these scholars have included judges, lawyers, academics, and journalists who research law-related topics. This year the institute is hosting three visiting scholars for a full year. Two additional scholars, one for a month-long program on East Asian-American criminal justice and one for a shorter period, have also visited at USALI.

USALI held its first conference in Japan in June. The event, held in Osaka, centered on a comparative study of the prevention and redress of wrongful convictions in the US and East Asia. USALI plans to convene a conference focusing on Japan, similar to the Gelatt Dialogue, and hopes to co-sponsor this event with Japanese think tanks and universities to discuss matters of international law related to political, security, and economic issues in East Asia.

In spring 2018, Professor Upham will teach a seminar titled "Law and Society in Japan," and NYU Law will offer a course next fall on comparative criminal justice in Japan, China, Taiwan, and the United States in cooperation with a visiting professor from Japan.

CRN33 of the LSA

Collaborative Research Network 33 (CRN33) on East Asian Law and Society of the Law and Society Association (LSA)

Setsuo Miyazawa
Executive Member, CRN33

Established in 2008, the CRN33 has grown into one of the largest CRNs in the LSA. At the 2017 annual meeting of the LSA in Mexico City on June 20-23, the CRN33 individually or jointly sponsored 27 sessions. As always, Hiroshi Fukurai (UC Santa Cruz) and Kay-Wah Chan (Macquarie University) were the main organizers. The CRN33 has recently organized at least one session each year that is designed to discuss the general theme in the East Asian context: this year's thematic session was "Walls, Borders, and Bridges: Law and Society in an Inter-Connected World and Asia." CRN33 also holds a very popular group dinner every year: Craig Martin (Washburn University) was this year's organizer and more than 50 people signed up for this year's dinner on June 21.

ALSA News

by Setsuo Miyazawa, UC Hastings.
EAL&S Section Secretary, 2017.

Asian Law and Society Association President, 2016-2017

1. Leadership Changes

- An online election of the President-Elect for 2018-2019 was conducted in November 2017. Kay-Wah Chan (Macquarie University) was elected.
- Setsuo Miyazawa (UC Hastings) will complete his term as the Founding President by the end of 2017 and Hiroshi Fukurai (UC Santa Cruz), the current President-Elect, will succeed him as the President for 2018-2019.

2. Distinguished Book Award

The ALSA gave its first Distinguished Book Award and Two Honorary Mentions to the following books. The Award Committee consisted of Akira Fujimoto (Nagoya University), Hiroshi Fukurai (UC Santa Cruz), Tom Ginsburg (University of Chicago), Meng Hou (Peking University), David T. Johnson (University of Hawaii), Grace Kuo (National Cheng Kung University), Setsuo Miyazawa (UC Hastings, chair), and Mami Okawara (Takasaki City University of Economics). The Award Ceremony was held at the closing session of the 2nd annual meeting of the ALSA at National Chiao Tung University on December 16, 2017. The recipients will receive free membership in the ALSA for two years in 2018 and 2019.

Distinguished Book Award:

Nick Cheesman (Australian National University), *Opposing the Rule of Law: How Myanmar's Courts Make Law and Order*, Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Honorary Mentions:

Matthew S. Erie (University of Oxford), *China and Islam: The Prophet, the Party, and Law*, Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Sida Liu (University of Toronto) and Terence C. Halliday (American Bar Foundation), *Criminal Defense in China: The Politics of Lawyers at Work*, Cambridge University Press, 2016.

The Distinguished Book Award in 2018 will be given to a book published in 2017.

3. Graduate Student Article Award

The ALSA gave its first Graduate Student Article Award to the following article. The Award Committee consisted of David Engel (University at Buffalo), Eric Feldman (University of Pennsylvania), Rob Leflar (University of Arkansas, chair), Carol Lin (National Chiao Tung University), Sida Liu (University of Toronto), Eri Osaka (Toyo University), Frank Upham (NYU), and Hyunah Yang (Seoul National University). The Award Ceremony was held at the closing session of the 2017 annual meeting of the ALSA at National Chiao Tung University on December 16, 2017. The recipients will receive free membership in the ALSA for two years in 2018 and 2019.

Yung-hua Kuo & Po-liang Chen, *Identity Laws and Privacy Protection in a Modern State: The Legal History Concerning Personal Information in Taiwan (1895-2015)*, published in 25 Washington International Law Journal 223-268 (2016). Both authors were Ph.D. candidates at the University of Washington School of Law when they submitted this paper for publication.

The Graduate Student Article Award in 2018 will be given to an article published in 2017.

4. 2nd Annual Meeting

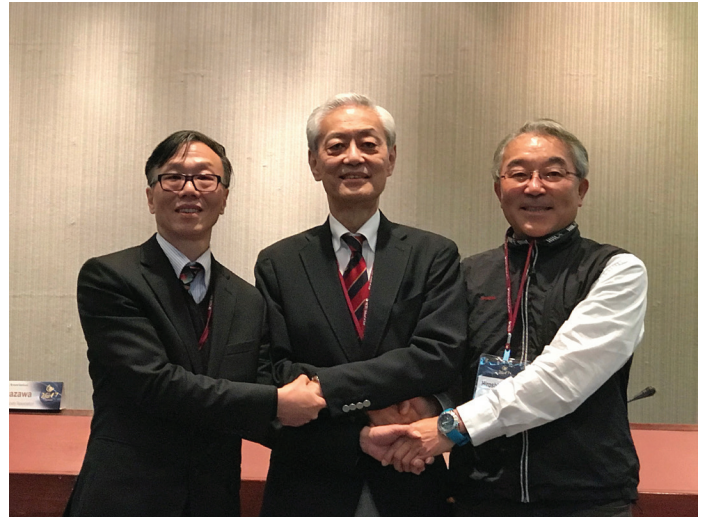
The 2nd annual meeting was held with a great success on December 14-16, 2017 at National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu, Taiwan (<http://alsa2017.nctu.edu.tw/>), under the general theme of "Equality, Social Justice and Law: New Challenges of the Transforming Asia." The Young Scholars Workshop was held on December 14 and the main part of the meeting was held on December 15 and 16. More than 300 people registered, and more than 50 sessions were held. Shang-Jyh Liu (National Chiao Tung University), Terence Halliday (American Bar Foundation) (see photo), and Chang-Fa Lo (Taiwan Constitutional Court) gave keynote speeches. A banquet was held on December 15, and an optional tour to the Taroko National Park was held on December 17 and 18. The whole event was meticulously prepared and managed. Carol Lin was the Chair of the Organizing Committee and Monghwa Chin was its Executive Officer. More than 40 faculty members, administrative staff, and students of National Chiao Tung University Law School worked with them. More details can be found at the meeting website.

5. 3rd Annual Meeting

The 3rd annual meeting will be held at Bond University in



Opening Session of the 2nd ALSA annual meeting.



Three ALSA Presidents (from left): Kay-Wah Chan (2020-21), Setsuo Miyazawa (2016-17), and Hiroshi Fukurai (2018-19).

Gold Coast of Australia on November 29-December 1, 2018 (<https://bond.edu.au/ALSA2018>). The Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL) and the Asia Pacific Legal Institute of Australia (APLIA) will host the meeting in collaboration with Bond University. The chief local organizer is Leon Wolff (Queensland University of Technology). Those who are interested in the meeting should regularly check the conference website.

6. 4th Annual Meeting

The 4th annual meeting will be held at Osaka University in Japan, probably around December 13-15, 2019. The main

local organizers are Kota Fukui (Osaka University) and Yuka Kaneko (Kobe University). Those who are interested in the event should regularly check the ALSA website (<http://alsa.sakura.ne.jp/>) until the meeting website is opened.

7. Joining the ALSA

Those who want to join the ALSA should check <http://alsa.sakura.ne.jp/pg34.html>. The annual membership fee is only JPY3,000 for regular members and merely JPY1,500 for student members. Members may pay reduced registration fees for annual meetings and may subscribe to the *Asian Journal of Law and Society* at a special discount rate.