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SECTION LEADERSHIP

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2018 AALS Conference in San Diego. I’m planning on organizing a section lunch on Friday January 5. Lunch will need to be quick and at the conference hotel, however, because our joint program on “Keeping Up with the Changing Face of the American Family” ends at noon and our co-sponsored panel on “Legal Capacity at the Crossroads” begins at 1:30. I will send around an organizing email later this fall.

I hope everyone’s semester is off to a wonderful start.

Jill Hasday
Distinguished McKnight University Professor and Centennial Professor of Law
University of Minnesota Law School

This newsletter is a forum for the exchange of ideas. Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Section and do not necessarily represent the position of the Association of American Law Schools.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT

Greetings members! Here is the schedule of panels our section is hosting or co-sponsoring at the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting:

2018 AALS Annual Meeting
Joint Program with Sections on Family and Juvenile Law, Children and the Law, and Aging and the Law

Keeping Up with the Changing Face of the American Family
Friday, January 5, 2018 - 9:00 am 12:00 pm

The composition and structure of the American family has changed significantly in the last 65 years. From the decline of marriage and fertility to the increase in blended families, interracial relationships, and single parenthood, the face of the family is visibly different. The legalization of same sex marriage, the rise in the number of working women and fathers who share in household and childcare responsibilities, and the growing number of aging family members who need daily care has also impacted how families function. In some ways federal and state family laws precipitated these changes and opened the door for the new trends, but in other ways the law has been mired down in tradition, making it more difficult for the modern family to operate. This panel explores the ways in which family law and other related laws lie behind the curve in areas such as reproduction, custody, companionship, and caretaking. Panelists will also examine the various consequences of this gap between law and the realities of families today, as well as consider ideas and current efforts being made to close the divide.

Panel #1: New Family Frameworks & Legal Dilemmas 9 am - 10:20
Panelists: Cynthia Bowman (Cornell), Peg Brinig (Notre Dame) and Marsha Garrison (Brooklyn Law), Dov Fox (University of San Francisco), and a selected panelist from the call for papers
Moderator: Jessica Dixon Weaver

15 minute break

Panel #2: Family Separations and Breakdown in the Trump Era 10:35 - 12 pm
Panelists: Nancy Polikoff (American), Rose Cuisin Villazor (Rutgers), Shani King (University of Florida), Naomi Kahn (George Washington), and a selected panelist from the call for papers
Moderator: Rebecca Aviel

**See the Call for Papers below under Upcoming Events and Calls for Submission**
Legal competency, the law’s recognition of an individual’s personhood and agency, represents a conceptual cornerstone for law and mental disability scholars. The success of the disability rights movements in fostering greater public support for economic and social rights for people with mental disabilities has generated, at least rhetorically, broader support for the law’s recognition of the decisional capacity of people with mental disabilities in these areas. The scope of scholarly inquiry has expanded in recent years from curbing state encroachment in private decision-making to crafting positive theories of rights for people with mental disabilities in sexuality, reproduction, marriage, and parenting.

This panel seeks to bring together legal scholars across several fields to explore emerging theory and doctrine in family law for people with mental disabilities. With its emphasis on intersectionality and cross-pollination, panelists will discuss such issues as assisted reproductive technology, parental termination, and sexual access. An explicit goal of this panel is to develop a research agenda for this emerging interdisciplinary area of legal scholarship.

Members of our section may also be interested in other panels that intersect with family and juvenile law, including:

The Socioeconomics of Intimate Relationships
Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 1:30 - 3:15 pm

The panel addresses the relationship between law, commitment and financial ties. In the old days, marriage was seen as necessary to marshal the resources to deal with childrearing given what was thought to be the intrinsic dependence of caretakers and children. Marriage also cemented the relationship between two family lines in thinking about inheritance, succession to estates or the grandparents' investment in the next generation. How do we think of these issues today?

The panel brings together perspectives on same-sex families, the different legacies of slavery in the United States and Jamaica, and the impact of greater financial insecurity on all couples in exploring a socioeconomic perspective of intimate relationships.

Panelists: Eleanor Brown (Penn State), Sara Greene (Duke), Doug NeJaime, (Yale)
Moderator: June Carbone, Minnesota; Commentator: William K. Black, UMKC

Contemporary Legal and Political Change: A Child-Centered Analysis
Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 1:30 - 3:15 pm

Our rapidly-evolving political landscape will lead to dramatic change across multiple areas of law and policy, both in this country and abroad. Lawyers, scholars, and policymakers are examining the social impact of this change in a range of domains, including healthcare, immigration, the environment, education, criminal law, and family law. Yet too often, children’s unique interests are
obscured by broader discussions around the interests of their parents, or the status of families more generally. In contrast, this Panel will focus squarely on the rights and interests of children by engaging in a child-centered analysis of recent legal and political change in the United States. Panelists will consider the impact of law and policy change on children in a variety of contexts including healthcare, immigration, criminal law and policy, and family law.

Panelists: Monica Bell (Yale), Nancy Dowd (University of Florida), Kate Leone (General Counsel to Senator Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senate), David Thronson (Michigan State).

This panel will include 1-2 speakers selected from a call for papers.

Jessica Dixon Weaver
Family & Juvenile Law Section Chair-Elect

UPCOMING EVENTS & CALLS FOR SUBMISSION

CALL FOR PAPERS – EXTENDED DEADLINE
from
AALS Sections on Family and Juvenile Law, Children and the Law, & Aging and the Law

2018 AALS Annual Meeting - Joint Program
Keeping Up with the Changing Face of the American Family

The AALS Sections on Family and Juvenile Law, Children and the Law, and Aging and the Law are pleased to announce a call for papers from which two to four presenters will be selected for the section’s program at the AALS 2018 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California. We will have a joint, half-day program with two consecutive panels. The date and time of the joint program is Friday, January 5, 2018 from 9 am - 12 noon. The two panels will be divided based on general topics, such as caregiving, family formation and regulation, family dissolution, or structural legal policy impacting children, parents, the elderly or families as a whole.

Here is an overview of the panel subject matter:

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We ask that submissions fall generally or specifically under the above topics. The papers will be published in a 2018 symposium volume of Family Law Quarterly, the scholarly journal of the American Bar Association Section on Family Law. **If you are interested in submitting your paper for consideration, please send it to jdweaver@smu.edu by Monday August 28, 2017. Please use “AALS Call for Papers Submission” as the subject line of your email.** We are particularly interested in submissions from junior faculty. Papers should be no longer than 11,000 words and no more than 100 footnotes. Papers that have been accepted for publication are not eligible for consideration because panelists will be publishing their papers in the Family Law Quarterly.

A committee appointed by the section chairs will review the submitted papers and notify the authors of the selected papers by September 25, 2017. All panelists, including the panelists selected from this call for papers, are responsible for paying their own annual meeting registration fee and travel expenses. If you have any questions about the call for papers or the Family Law Quarterly symposium, please contact Jessica Weaver at jdweaver@smu.edu.

**AALS SECTION ON CHILDREN AND THE LAW – CALL FOR PAPERS AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE PANEL**

Our rapidly-evolving political landscape will lead to dramatic change across multiple areas of law and policy, both in this country and abroad. Lawyers, scholars, and policymakers are examining the social impact of this change in a range of domains, including healthcare, immigration, the environment, education, criminal law, and family law. Yet too often, children’s unique interests are obscured by broader discussions around the interests of their parents, or the status of families more generally. In contrast, this Panel will focus squarely on the rights and interests of children by engaging in a child-centered analysis of recent legal and political change in the United States. Panelists will consider the impact of law and policy change on children in a variety of contexts including healthcare, immigration, criminal law and policy, and family law. This panel will include 1-2 speakers selected from this call for papers. Panelists include Monica Bell (Yale Law School), Nancy Dowd (University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law), Kate Leone (General Counsel to Senator Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senate), David Thronson (Michigan State University College of Law). Papers should be submitted to Professor Meredith Harbach at mharbach@richmond.edu by Thursday, August 31, 2017.

**AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY JUNIOR SCHOLARS PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOP**

**TO BE HELD AT 2018 AALS ANNUAL MEETING**

To further its mission of promoting the vitality of the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses—individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy and the rule of law—the American Constitution Society for Law & Policy (ACS) is pleased to announce a call for papers for a workshop on public law to be held the afternoon of January 4, 2018 at the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego. A committee composed of members of ACS’s Board of Academic Advisors will select 10 papers and each selected author will have the opportunity to
discuss his/her paper in depth with two experienced scholars, from a group that includes Erwin Chemerinsky, Pamela Karlan, Bill Marshall, Reva Siegel, Mark Tushnet, and Adam Winkler. Papers can be in any field related to public law, including but not limited to: constitutional law, administrative law, antidiscrimination law, criminal law, environmental law, family law, federal courts, financial regulation, public international law, social welfare law, and workplace law.

**Deadline, Form, and Submission Procedure**
The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. on October 18, 2017. Submissions should be works that have not been published as of January 1, 2018. Submissions should be emailed in Microsoft Word or PDF format to juniorscholarsworkshop@acslaw.org. Please indicate in the subject line “Submission for ACS Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop” and include the author’s name, school, and contact information in a cover email. The cover email should also identify the field(s) in which the paper falls.

**Eligibility**
Tenure-track and tenured faculty, or faculty with similar status, who have been full-time law teachers for 10 years or less as of December 31, 2017, are eligible to participate. Co-authored submissions are permissible, but each of the coauthors must be individually eligible to participate in the workshop.

**Other Terms**
Authors are limited to one submission each. Selections will be made by November 15, 2017. Authors must arrange their own travel to the AALS Annual Meeting.

**Inquiries** may be sent to kstein@acslaw.org.

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**THE FEMINIST LEGAL THEORY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH NETWORK**
SEEKS SUBMISSIONS FOR THE
LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 7–10, 2018 IN TORONTO, CANADA

Submission link: [https://form.jotformpro.com/pijip/2018fltcrn](https://form.jotformpro.com/pijip/2018fltcrn)

Dear friends and colleagues,

We invite you to participate in the panels sponsored by the **Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network** at the Law and Society Annual Meeting in Toronto in June 2018. The Feminist Legal Theory CRN brings together law and society scholars across a range of fields who share an interest in feminist legal theory. Information about the Law and Society meeting is available at [http://www.lawandsociety.org](http://www.lawandsociety.org).

This year’s meeting invites us to explore **LAW AT THE CROSSROADS/LE DROIT A LA CROISÉE DES CHEMINS**. We seek in proposals that explore the application of feminist legal theory to this rich theme, across any substantive area.
If you would like to present a paper as part of a CRN panel, submit your **500 word abstract** to [https://form.jotformpro.com/pijip/2018fltcrn](https://form.jotformpro.com/pijip/2018fltcrn) by the deadline of September 17, 2017.

Our goal is to stimulate focused discussion of papers on which scholars are currently working. While you may submit papers that are closer to publication, we are particularly eager to receive proposals for works-in-progress that are at an earlier stage and will benefit from the discussion that the panels will provide. We are also especially interested in hearing from junior scholars, and welcome submissions from scholars in VAPs, fellowship programs, non-tenure and pre-tenure positions.

The Planning Committee will group accepted papers into panels of four, based on subject matter. Each presentation should run roughly 10 minutes to allow ample time for discussion. A chair or discussant will provide feedback on each paper.

If you would like to propose a pre-formed panel of four papers with a chair and a discussant, please email us at [2018lsacrn@gmail.com](mailto:2018lsacrn@gmail.com). Include that information in the appropriate box on the submission form for each of the papers as well.

In addition to traditional panels, we are open to some of the other formats that the LSA allows, including Author meets Reader, Salon, or Roundtable. If you have an idea that you think would work well in one of these formats, please email us at [2018lsacrn@gmail.com](mailto:2018lsacrn@gmail.com). Please note that for roundtables, organizers must provide a 500-word summary of the topic and the contributions they expect the proposed participants to make. Please also note that LSA rules limit you to participating only once, either as a paper panelist or as a roundtable participant.

**FAMILY COURT REVIEW INVITES SUBMISSIONS**

Professor Barbara A. Babb, Director of the University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts (CFCC) and Editor-in-Chief of the *Family Court Review (FCR)*, invites members of the AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section Newsletter to submit articles for publication in *FCR*, the leading interdisciplinary academic and research journal for family law professionals. Published in cooperation with the Center for Children, Families and the Law of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, *FCR* is the quarterly journal of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). Dr. Robert Emery, the journal’s Social Science Editor, and Professor Babb are very interested to receive articles on legal and/or social science aspects of family law, family courts, the resolution of family disputes, and any related topics. Submitted articles are peer-reviewed. They also welcome your suggestions for special issue themes and/or guest editors. If you are interested to submit an article or to guest edit an *FCR* special issue, please refer to the AFCC website ([http://www.afccnet.org/Publications/Family-Court-Review/Submit-an-article](http://www.afccnet.org/Publications/Family-Court-Review/Submit-an-article)) or contact Professor Babb at bbabb@ubalt.edu or 410-837-5661.
FAMILY LAW TRAININGS

CFCC, in collaboration with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), will convene two trainings for professionals who work with families and children. On December 4-5, Debra Carter, Ph.D., will present “Parenting Coordination: Essential Tools for Conflict Resolution.” On December 6-7, David A. Martindale, Ph.D., will present “Advanced Topics for Custody Evaluators: Interviewing, Report Writing and Testifying.” For more information, please go to: http://www.afccnet.org/Conferences-Training/AFCC-Training

VULNERABILITY AND THE HUMAN CONDITION INITIATIVE WORKSHOP

Deborah Dinner, Martha Albertson Fineman, and Suzanne Kim are convening through the Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative a Workshop on Legal Transitions and the Vulnerable Subject: Fostering Resilience through Law’s Dynamism, to take place on December 8-9, 2017 at Emory Law School.

MEMBER NEWS & RECENT AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Barbara Babb & Gloria Danziger (University of Baltimore School of Law, CFCC) University of Baltimore (UB) School of Law Dean Ronald Weich announced that Associate Professor of Law Barbara Babb will serve as director of the nation’s first Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law, set to launch in Fall 2017 at UB. The Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law will address a growing demand for a family law curriculum that offers a holistic blend of theory and practice. The certificate program is intended both for new attorneys beginning to practice family law and for attorneys seeking to add family law expertise to their practice areas. Students can complete the 16-credit program over 12 months or at their own pace. Faculty include UB law professors, attorneys, and judges, who bring decades of real-world insights and experience to the classroom. For more information about the Post-J.D. Certificate in Family Law, visit the program’s website at ubalt.edu/familylawcert.

CFCC recently received two major grants to support its Truancy Court Program (TCP). The Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention awarded $180,132 to help support its Truancy Court Program (TCP) and to analyze the TCP’s impact on youth who have been or are currently involved with the juvenile justice system. The Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts awarded $117,025 to support the TCP for the 2017-2018 school year.

Ann Cammett (CUNY School of Law) is now Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law.

Richard Chused’s (New York School of Law) book, Gendered Law in American History (co-authored with Wendy Williams 2016), was recently reviewed by Professor Janet Halley in Jotwell. Professor Halley identified it as one of the best works of recent scholarship relating to Family Law. The review is available here http://family.jotwell.com/

Jessica Dixon Weaver (Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law) is the new lead
Martha Grace Duncan (Emory University) recently completed a 42,000 word article on the Amanda Knox case and it will be published in four parts, starting next month in the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*. She will also be giving a talk on the topic at Harvard Law School in October. She interviewed Amanda for the article, as well as many Italian lawyers, journalists, and professors.


Robin Fretwell Wilson (University of Illinois College of Law) has two new books: *The Contested Place of Religion in Family Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2018, ed.) (in press), and *Domestic Relations: Cases and Materials, 8th edition* (Foundation Press, 2017, with Walter Wadlington and Raymond C. O’Brien). She published ‘Getting Government Out of Marriage’ Post Obergefell: The Ill-Considered Consequences of Transforming the State’s Relationship to Marriage, 2016 *University of Illinois Law Review* 101 (2016), together with a number of pieces about LGBT rights. Professor Wilson has been asked by the United Arab Emirates’ Judicial Department to assist them to create a parallel court system for the adjudication by expatriates of family law matters using the laws of their home country or of their faith traditions. She now ranks among the Top 10% of Authors by All-Time Downloads by the Social Science Research Network. Together with Yale University Professor William Eskridge, Professor Wilson co-hosted a conference in January at Yale University on Faith, Sexuality and the Meaning of Freedom, which forms the corpus of a new volume by the same title under consideration with


Cynthia Godsoe (Brooklyn Law School) has several new publications, including Redrawing the Boundaries of Relational Crime, ALA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2017), Recasting Vagueness: The Case of Teen Sex Statutes, 74 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 173 (2016), Parental Love and Purposeful Violence, The Politicization of Safety (Jane Stoever ed., NYU Press forthcoming 2018), and Redefining Parental Rights: The Case of Corporal Punishment, 32 CONSTIT. COMM. 281 (2017) (family law symposium issue). Redrawing the Boundaries of Relational Crime was selected from a call for papers to be part of the inaugural American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop at the AALS Annual Meeting (January 2017). She also presented the piece at a faculty workshop at Chapman University Law School (March 2017), and participated in a conference on family violence at UC Irvine law school, presenting a draft of the book chapter Parental Love and Purposeful Violence (April 2017). Cynthia has also presented several works-in-progress including Disentangling Exploitation and Morality, at the Law and Society Annual Meeting (Mexico City, June 2017), the Family Law Scholars and Teachers Annual Meeting (Fordham Law School, June 2017), and the Junior Scholars Criminal Justice Roundtable (Brooklyn Law School, July 2017), and The Perils of “Doing God’s Work”: Prosecutors and Child Abuse Cases at the 2017 Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze at New York Law School. Cynthia had several media items this spring, including being interviewed on a San Francisco radio show about rape allegations on TV reality show “The Bachelor” (The Chip Franklin Show: Too drunk to consent?, June 19, 2017) and being quoted in an article on bail reform in the New York Times ( Getting Rid of Bail Is Only the Start, June 1, 2017).

of Maryland in November.


**Margaret E. Johnson** (University of Baltimore School of Law) has a new book: Carolyn Grose and Margaret E. Johnson, *Lawyers, Clients & Narrative: A Framework for Law Students and Practitioners* (Carolina Academic Press 2017). This book is a new primary law school text for use by the full panoply of experiential courses, including clinical, externship, legal writing, practical, interviewing, negotiation, counseling, and trial/appellate advocacy. Using multimedia examples, including the podcast Serial, as well as exercises drawn from actual lawyering situations, this book describes, explores, and analyzes narrative as a pedagogy of lawyering. The book addresses the broad spectrum of skills and practice areas and fora that the profession increasingly demands. This is a comprehensive book for using narrative, stories and storytelling to develop more fully and effectively as a lawyer. The book provides the theory and information for planning for, conducting, and reflecting on various lawyering activities. In addition, the authors make the teaching relatable and transferable to a variety of contexts by using concrete examples drawn from their own extensive practice, writing, and teaching using lawyering and narrative.

Margaret has received the 2017 University of Baltimore School of Law’s Outstanding Teaching by a Full-Time Faculty Member Award.

She has also given several presentations including:

**Presenter, Lawyers, Clients & Narrative, AALS Section of Clinical Legal Education Conference, Denver, CO, May 8, 2017.**


**Presenter, Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Opinions of the United States, 10th Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD, March 30, 2017.**

**Co-Presenter with Dr. Tara Richards, Towards Empowerment: Measuring the Role of Lethality Assessments, Baltimore, Maryland, February 3, 2017.**

**Sanford N. Katz** (Boston College Law School) published a paperback version of *Family Law in America*. The book is published by Oxford University Press and is available through Amazon.

**Suzanne A. Kim** (Rutgers Law School) has recently published or has forthcoming the following: *Commentary on Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, in REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE RE-WRITTEN* (ed. Kimberly Mutcherson) (Cambridge University Press) (forthcoming, 2019); *Commentary on Michael H v. Gerald D, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS: REWRITTEN FAMILY LAW* (ed. Rachel Rebouché) (forthcoming); *Gender in the Context of Same-Sex Divorce and Relationship Dissolution, ___ Fam. Ct. Rev. ___* (with Edward Stein) (special issue eds. Carlos Ball &

Suzanne recently presented her work-in-progress *The Process of Relational Migration* at the International Society of Family Law Annual Conference in Amsterdam. She presented on *Body Control and Intersectionality: Attacks on Reproductive and Sexual Rights* at the Joint Conference of Northeast People of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Brooklyn Law School. She delivered a plenary talk entitled *Legal Regulation of Intimacy and Social Hierarchies* at the 54th Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Interdisciplinary Conference on Research in Nursing at Teachers’ College-Columbia University. She was recently awarded the I Have A Dream Professor Award by the Association of Black Law Students at Rutgers Law School (Newark campus).

**Charisa Kiyô Smith** (CUNY School of Law) has begun a position as Visiting Assistant Professor at CUNY School of Law after completing the William Hastie Fellowship at Wisconsin Law. Charisa presented her forthcoming article *Safe Sexting & Minors* at the following in early 2017: AALS Annual Meeting, Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, CAPALF/NEPOC Works-In-Progress, Lutie Lytle Workshop. She also attended the Feminist Legal Theory conference at Baltimore Law and the Restorative Justice & the Law Symposium at Northwestern.


Nina has also been named Associate Dean for Research and Online Education.

**Holning Lau** (University of North Carolina School of Law) was named Willie P. Mangum Distinguished Professor of Law. He recently published two articles that compare same-sex marriage in South Africa and the United States: *Comparative Perspectives on Strategic Remedial


Maya Manian (University of San Francisco School of Law) published Teenage Pregnancy, Parenting, and Abortion: Legal Limits on Adolescents’ Reproductive Rights, in Studies in Law, Politics, and Society: Law for and About Children (Austin Sarat ed., 2017). She also gave several recent presentations including:

May 2017, Stanford Law School, Center for Law and the Biosciences, Invited Speaker, “Side Effects of the Abortion Wars”
June 2017, CAPALF-NEPOC Conference, Brooklyn Law School, panelist, “Reproductive Health Care in the Trump Era”


She also participated in a conference on “Constitutional Democracy in Crisis,” sponsored by University of Maryland School of Law. In April 2017, she gave a lecture, “Am I A Bigot?” Debating Mixed Marriages in the 1950s and 1960s as a Problem or Sign of Progress, in the lecture series of the Rutgers Center for Gender, Sexuality, Law, and Policy. Also in April she engaged in a debate with Ryan Anderson, “Religious Liberty or a License to Discriminate,” sponsored by the Princeton Tory. In June, 2017, she presented a draft book chapter, “‘You Are Waging a Fight of Morality and Conscience’: Invoking Religion to Oppose or Support Integration – and Intermarriage,” in the Annual Law and Religion Roundtable, held at Notre Dame’s Chicago campus. She recently completed the Summer 2017 Update to the casebook, D. Abrams et al., Contemporary Family Law (West 4th ed. 2015).

Joan Meier (George Washing University Law School) has a recent co-authored publication: Joan Meier and Sean Dickson, "Mapping Gender: Shedding Empirical Light on Family Court Cases
Involving Abuse and Alienation," 35 Law & Inequality 311 (2017). This piece contains - in addition to an overview of the broad and deep critiques of custody courts' treatment of abuse claims - the data from a pilot study for her ongoing NIJ-funded study of family court outcomes in custody/abuse cases. The full study should be publicized early next year.


**J T Oldham** (The University of Houston law Center) authored an article regarding current norms for the award of spousal support throughout the United States. It will be published in volume 51, issue #1 of the Family Law Quarterly in the fall of 2017.

**Mariela Olivares** (Howard University School of Law) was awarded tenure, which was recently confirmed by her University. Mariela is now officially Associate Professor with Tenure at Howard University School of Law.

**Suzanne Penn** (U.A.L.R. Bowen School of Law) (submitted by her colleague **Kelly Browe Olson**) won the UA Little Rock Faculty Excellence Award in Public Service. This University wide honor is well-deserved for all of her hard work with her clients and students, and specifically for her recent work creating and running the Delta Project. In 2015 Professor Penn started the Delta Project, a family law clinical experience in the Delta region of Arkansas, which has long been under-served by attorneys and is home to many individuals unable to afford an attorney even if one was available. This project provides opportunities for law students from 1L on to work with clients in rural Arkansas. Professor Penn is an associate professor of clinical law at the William H. Bowen School of Law. She has been dedicated to serving individuals who don’t have access to legal assistance for many years. Her colleagues at Bowen are incredibly proud of her work.


**Elaine E. Sutherland** (Lewis & Clark Law School) published the following: Elaine E. Sutherland, *Raising the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility in Scotland: Law Reform at Last?* 67(3) NORTHERN IRELAND LEGAL QUARTERLY 387 (2016); Elaine E. Sutherland & Lesley-Anne Barnes Macfarlane (eds), IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE 3 OF THE UNITED