

# AALS CLINICAL SECTION NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Chair

### Alan Kirtley (U. Washington), Chair, Section on Clinical Legal Education

This has been an exciting and eventful year for our Section with much to report. Before reflecting back, however, I want to let you know what is coming up.



#### LOOKING FORWARD—

- **AALS Annual Meeting and Section Luncheon:** The 2012 AALS Annual Meeting will be held from January 4-8 in Washington, D.C. The Section's luncheon will take place on Saturday, January 7, beginning at 12:15 p.m., in Washington Room 1, Exhibition Level, of the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

- **Pincus Award:** Each year during the Section's luncheon, the Pincus Award is presented to honor a clinician's contributions to clinical legal education and the advancement of justice. This year's recipient is most deserving: **Bob Kuehn (Wash U)**. Thanks go to

the Section's Awards Committee for handling what is always a challenging selection process. The Committee members are **Miye Goishi (Hastings), Chair; Alex Scherr (Georgia), Chair-elect; Alan Minuskin (Boston College); Dana Thompson (Michigan); and Susan Jones (GWU)**. Please see the Awards Committee's report on page 10 for detail on Bob's remarkable career.

- **Section's Business Meeting:** At the end of the luncheon, the Section will hold its annual business meeting. The only scheduled item of business is the election of new officers and members of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee did an excellent job again this year of presenting the membership with a talented and diverse slate of candidates. The Nominating Committee members are **JoNel Newman (Miami), Chair; Suzette Melendez (Syracuse); David Thronson (Nevada); Kurt Eggert (Chapman);**

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This newsletter is a forum for the exchange of points of view. Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of the Section and do not necessarily represent the position of the Association of American Law Schools.

and **Charles Warren (Minnesota)**. The official notice of election is on page 5.

This year's slate of nominees is:

**Co-Chairs Elect: Marisa Cianciarulo (Chapman) and Liz Cooper (Fordham)**, two-year terms.

**Treasurer: Tom Kelley (North Carolina)**, three-year term.

**Section Executive Committee Members: Alicia Alvarez (Michigan)**, three-year term; **Eduardo Capulong (Montana)**, three-year term; and, **Lisa Bliss (Georgia State)**, one-year term (remaining on unexpired term of **Liz Cooper**).

**Bob Jones (Notre Dame)** will be the 2012 Section Chair!

Additional candidate information is in the Nominating Committee's report on page 8.

- **Section's Joint Program:** The Section's Joint Program, developed with the Poverty Law Section, will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Section luncheon and business meeting. The title of this year's program is "Theory and Praxis in Reducing Women's Poverty." The program is described on page 6-7. This year's Annual Meeting Committee has developed a program of great interest and importance. The Committee members are **Annette Appell (Wash U)**, **co-chair**; **Emily Benfer (Loyola Chicago)**, **co-chair**; **Jeff Selbin (Berkeley)**; **Davida Finger (Loyola N.O.)**; **LaShanda Taylor (UDC Clarke)**; and **Ann Cammet (UNLV)**.

- **2012 Clinical Conference:** The 2012 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education will be held April 30-May 3, 2012, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, California. The title of his year's conference is "*Takeaways for Clinical Teaching and Assessment in a Changing Environment.*" The conference planning committee members are **Peter Joy (Wash U)**, **Chair**; **Jon Dubin (Rutgers-Newark)**; **Margaret Jackson (North Dakota)**; **Luz Molina (Loyola-New Orleans)**; and **Jayesh Rathod (American)**.

#### LOOKING BACK AT 2011

- **June 2011 Clinical Conference:** The highlight of the year has to be this year's clinical conference in Seattle. It was a groundbreaking event. For the first time ever at an AALS meeting, non-clinical faculty, deans, and clinicians came together to discuss integrative curricular approaches to legal education favored by the Carnegie Report. The planning committee responsible for the highly successful conference was **Elliott Milstein (American)**, **co-chair**; **Amy Applegate (Indiana Maurer)**, **co-chair**; **Bryan Adamson (Seattle U.)**; **Elizabeth Cooper (Fordham)**; **Carolyn Grose (Wm. Mitchell)**; **Donna Lee (CUNY)**; and **Barbara Schatz (Columbia)**. At the conference, the Shanara M. Gilbert Award was pre-

sented to **Nekima Levy-Pounds (St. Thomas –MN)**.

- **ABA Accreditation Standards:** These have been threatening times for the clinical community. The ABA Standards Review Committee is proposing changes to the Accreditation Standards for law schools that, if adopted, will reverse years of clinician efforts to provide clinicians security of position, academic freedom, and participation rights in law school governance. The Section's work within the AALS leadership has resulted in AALS submissions to the Review Committee highly critical of its proposed changes. Leading this effort for the Section are **Elizabeth Cooper (Fordham)** and **Amy Applegate (Indiana Maurer)**. While the Section has done its part, CLEA has led this effort and all of us in the clinical community are very appreciative.
- **Diversity:** This year there has been a significant increase in the number of members of minority groups appointed to the Section's committees and leadership positions. Many contributed to this accomplishment: the Section's Nominating Committee (listed above); Clinicians of Color Committee, **Carwina Weng (Indiana-Maurer), co-chair**, and **Allison Bethel (John Marshal), co-chair**; and the Enhancing Diversity in Leadership Committee, chaired by **Charles Auffant (Rutgers-Newark)**.
- **Desk Reference:** A new and improved version of the Clinician's Desk Reference was distributed at the June 2011 Clinical Conference and at various regional conferences. The editors of the revision were **Amy Applegate (Indiana Maurer)** and **Jayesh Rathod (American)**, and they received help from the Section's Membership, Outreach and Training Committee co-chaired by **Cynthia Batt (Temple)**, **Margaret Johnson (Baltimore)**, and **Randi Mandelbaum (Rutgers–Newark)**.
- **Online Resource Library:** The Section's Communications Committee, co-chaired by **David Santacroce (Michigan)** and **Matt Andres (Cooley)**, with the help of **Bob Jones (Notre Dame)**, have continued to organize, gather materials, and improve the Section's online resource library on the AALS platform. Please send new items to Matt at [andresm@cooley.edu](mailto:andresm@cooley.edu).
- **Transactional Law Clinics Committee:** A new Transactional Law Clinics Committee was launched by the Executive Committee this year. The Committee, chaired by **Susan Jones (GWU)**, was formed to create a "home" within the Section for the increasing number of clinicians who teach and represent clients in transactional practice. In a similar vein, our Section also gave its support for the creation of a new AALS Section – the Section on Transactional Law and Skills.
- **New Section Bylaws:** The Section's governance structure was significantly improved by the membership's adoption of a comprehensive set of new bylaws at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

This was a highlight *at least* for the drafting committee that labored on the project with patience and perseverance for eighteen-months. Thanks to the committee members: **Charles Auffant (Rutgers-Newark)**, **Beth Belmont (Washington and Lee)**; **Bob Jones (Notre Dame)**; and **Alan Kirtley (U of Washington)**, chair.

• **Section Committees:** As you can see above, the Section's important work is carried out by its committees. Please take the time to read the committee reports that follow to learn more about the creative and exciting work going on in the Section. The Section's Executive Committee was the force behind the scenes this year moving the Section's agenda forward. Joining me on the Executive Committee were: **Bob Jones (Notre Dame)**, chair-elect; **Amy Applegate (Indiana Maurer)**, immediate past chair; **Beth Belmont (Washington and Lee)**, treasurer; **Marisa Silenzi Cianciarulo (Chapman)**, secretary; **Andrea Seielstad (Dayton)**; **Charles Auffant (Rutgers-Newark)**; **Elizabeth Cooper (Fordham)**; **Mary Jo Hunter (Hamline)**; and **Jayesh Rathod (American)**. Thanks for a job well done to **Andrea Seielstad** whose term is ending, as is **Beth Belmont's**. Beth deserves an extra-large "thank you" for her generous six years of service as the Section's treasurer, guiding us through the shoals of AALS regulations.

#### **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE –**

The Section needs your ideas and service. The Section's Executive Committee will be holding a retreat at the 2012 Annual Meeting to discuss ways to improve member services. Please contact me ([kirtley@u.washington.edu](mailto:kirtley@u.washington.edu)) or the incoming chair Bob Jones ([rjones1@nd.edu](mailto:rjones1@nd.edu)) with your ideas and to volunteer to serve on a Section committee.

The Section needs your support to continue its important work. Members of the Executive Committee are contacting every clinical program director and encouraging the directors to sign up and pay membership dues for all their clinicians. Please check with your director to make sure that is happening at your law school. If payment as a group is not possible at your school, you may pay online at: [https://memberaccess.aals.org/eWeb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=ChpDetail&chp\\_cst\\_key=2546c8e7-1cda-46eb-b9f3-174fc509169b](https://memberaccess.aals.org/eWeb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=ChpDetail&chp_cst_key=2546c8e7-1cda-46eb-b9f3-174fc509169b). **Section membership dues are only \$15/year for the 2011-12 academic year.**

Finally, great appreciation and thanks go to the Section's Newsletter editor, **Liz Hubertz (Wash U.)**. Liz's work is vital to the Section's sense of community.

Thank you everyone for your service to the Section, and for making my year as chair such a rewarding experience.

Alan

**Notice of Election of New Officers  
and Members of the Executive Committee  
AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education**

**To the Members of the AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education: There will be a membership vote on a slate of new Section officers and members of the Executive Committee during the Section's business meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the AALS Annual Meeting.**

The following slate of new Section officers and members of the Executive Committee was recommended by the Section's Nominating Committee, and the slate has received the unanimous approval of the Section's Executive Committee:

**Co-Chairs Elect:**

Marisa Cianciarulo (Chapman) (two-year term)

Elizabeth Cooper (Fordham) (two-year term)

**Treasurer:**

Thomas Kelley (North Carolina) (three-year term)

**Members of the Executive Committee:**

Alicia Alvarez (Michigan) (three-year term)

Eduardo Capulong (Montana) (three-year term)

Lisa Bliss (Georgia State) (two-year term - completing unexpired term of Elizabeth Cooper)

**Please see the Nominating Committee's Report on the following page for information about the candidates.**

*The Section's bylaws also permit nominations from the floor.*

**Association of American Law Schools (AALS)**

**2012 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC**

**January 4-8, 2012**

**Joint Session of Sections on  
Poverty Law & Clinical Legal Education  
Theory and Praxis in Reducing Women's Poverty  
January 7, 2012, 1:30pm-3:15pm**

This joint session, sponsored by the Poverty Law and Clinical Legal Education Sections, will focus on women in poverty and the role of advocacy in assisting poor women and addressing the conditions that contribute to the gender and race of poverty. Panelists will examine the reasons that women, especially those from minority communities, are more likely to experience poverty, the negative consequences of poverty in their lives, and the legal and social systems that support the status quo. Topics include challenges facing families with members who have disabilities, battered mothers, migrant farmworkers, and innovative approaches toward solutions, such as community empowerment and interdisciplinary pedagogy, which are vital to understanding and ending poverty among women. The legal academy has a unique opportunity to develop and disseminate theory and information about the legal systems and processes that create and perpetuate the low socio-economic status of women and minority communities. Clinicians and poverty law teachers are particularly well situated to identify and address these issues through our teaching and research.

**Moderator/Speaker:**

**Dan Hatcher, Associate Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law**, Don't Forget Dad: Addressing Women's Poverty by Rethinking Policies Impacting Low-Income Fathers.

**Speakers:**

**Karen Czapanskiy, Research Professor of Law, University of Maryland School of Law**, Missing the Parents: What Do Families of Special Needs Kids Need from Each Other and the Rest of Us

**Margo Lindauer, Teaching Fellow, Georgetown Law Center**, Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: Why Multi-Court Involved Battered Mothers Just Can't Win

**Beth Caldwell, Faculty Fellow, Thomas Jefferson School of Law**, Addressing Intersectionality in the Lives of Women in Poverty: Incorporating Core Components of a Social Work Program into Legal Education

**Dehlia Umunna, Clinical Instructor, Harvard Law School**, Rethinking the Neighborhood Watch: How Lessons from the Nigerian Village Can Creatively Empower the Community to Assist Poor, Single Mothers

**Robin Runge, Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Dakota School of Law**, Addressing Retaliation Against Migrant Farmworker Women Experiencing Sexual Violence

**Program Co-Chairs:**

Emily Benfer, Loyola Law Chicago School

Annette Appell, Washington University Law School

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **AALS Clinical Section Nominating Committee**

#### **2012 Clinical Section Executive Committee Nominations Announced**

By JoNel Newman, Chair. This fall our Section's **Nominating Committee** (**Kurt Eggert, Chapman University School of Law, Suzette Meléndez, Syracuse University College of Law, JoNel Newman, University of Miami School of Law, David Thronson, Michigan State University College of Law** and **Carl Warren, University of Minnesota Law School**), had the privilege of reviewing a very impressive group of nominees for Executive Committee positions. We thank all of our colleagues who generously volunteered to serve. We prepared the following slate, which has been approved by the Executive Committee and AALS. We are therefore pleased to submit the following slate to the Section for its consideration at our January meeting:

- **Co-Chairs-Elect: Marisa Cianciarulo (Chapman) and Elizabeth Cooper (Fordham).** Both Co-Chair Elect Nominees have a record of significant service on the Section's **Executive Committee** and with AALS more broadly.

- **Treasurer: Thomas Kelley (University of North Carolina).** Tom's record of service to the AALS includes a previous stint as **Chair** of the **Section on Africa and Executive Committee** membership in the **Nonprofit Law and Philanthropy Section**. Tom serves as **Director of Clinical Programs at UNC** and co-supervises its **Community Development Law Clinic**.

- **Section Executive Committee** (three year terms): **Alicia Alvarez (University of Michigan)** and **Eduardo Capulong (University of Montana)**. Alicia is **Clinical Professor and Director of the Urban Communities Clinic at University of Michigan** and has served on numerous **AALS Clinical Section Conference Planning Committees**, as a former **Chair of the Nominations Committee**, and as **Chair of the AALS's Poverty Law Section**. Eduardo is the **Director of the Mediation Clinic** at the **University of Montana School of Law**, serves on the **Board of Directors of Plains Justice**, and has previously served on the **Planning Committee for the Northwest Clinician's Conference**.

- **Section Executive Committee** (two-year unexpired term of Elizabeth Cooper): **Lisa Bliss (Georgia State)**. Lisa presently serves as a board member and committee chair for the **Clinical Legal Education Association**, co-chairing the **"Best Practices in Legal Education" Implementation Committee**. She is particularly interested in collaborating with other clinicians for the advancement of clinical legal education. Lisa is an **Associate**

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**Clinical Professor and Co-Director, Health Law Partnership, Georgia State University College of Law.**

We hope you will agree that these are extraordinarily well-qualified candidates with much to offer our Section. We hope the many other colleagues who volunteered to serve in this capacity will continue to work with the Section. We are grateful to everyone who participated in this process.

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**ADR COMMITTEE**

Greetings! We're pleased to inform you that **Jim Stark** has agreed to join us as **Co-Chair of the ADR Committee**. As many of you know, Jim has directed the mediation clinic at University of Connecticut law school for many years and he is the co-author (with **Doug Frenkel of U. Penn.**) of a mediation casebook, *The Practice of Mediation*. Welcome, Jim!

It was great to see so many clinical colleagues at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution conference in Denver in April. There was a vast selection of interesting presentations by clinicians and it was painful having to choose among the concurrent offerings. With the Legal Educators Colloquium and Shop Talk programs on Saturday, there are more opportunities than ever to connect with ADR colleagues and bring home some creative nuggets for teaching and scholarship.

In addition to the ABA conference, a number of law schools regularly host work-in-progress roundtables for clinicians writing on dispute resolution topics. In fact, all three of us presented papers at the last one hosted by Washington University law school in St. Louis. The final products from that roundtable are published in the *Washington University Journal of Law & Policy* volume 34, "New Directions in ADR and Clinical Education".

In past breakfast meetings of this committee, attendees have generated ideas for the group, such as book discussions and teaching demonstrations. With the number of ADR conferences and workshops competing for our time (and limited budgets), this is the challenge: what is the unique value-added of our clinical sub-group? On what projects, discussions, and activities would you like our group to focus? What could this committee do that would enrich your teaching and scholarship, benefit the theory and practice of ADR, and be

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fun!?

Please contact us directly with your thoughts and suggestions.

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### AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee (**Susan Jones, George Washington; Alan Minuskin, Boston College; Alex Scherr, Georgia; Dana Thompson, Michigan; and Miye Goishi, Hastings**) had the difficult task of recommending the 2012 William Pincus Award recipient. As is always the case, all the nominees were well qualified and truly outstanding. After its deliberations, the Committee enthusiastically recommended **Professor Robert R. Kuehn**. The Committee felt that Bob's career embodied the ideals represented by past recipients of the Pincus Award. Bob is a professor of law, co-director of the Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic, and Associate Dean for Clinical Education at Washington University School of Law. He has taught a wide variety of clinical and environmental law courses.

One of Professor Kuehn's most significant contributions has been his work on behalf of clinical programs subjected to political interference. After successfully resisting changes to student practice rules at Tulane, Bob assembled quick response teams that are and have been available to assist when other clinics are threatened by political attacks. The most recent of a string of efforts that illustrate the effectiveness of this group is the successful campaign on behalf of the University of Maryland's Environmental Law Clinic.

Professor Kuehn has also been a leader in the movement to protect and advance the status of clinicians in the academy. He has served in numerous roles in the AALS, CSALE and CLEA. Professor Kuehn is a highly regarded teacher, mentor, and colleague in the academy. Finally, Professor Kuehn's scholarly interests and writing are highly regarded, and wide-ranging. Congratulations to Bob for this much deserved recognition!

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### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee is working hard to fill up and make as useful as possible the Clinical Section's online resource library, which contains clinical teaching materials, hand-outs and presentations from numerous conferences, information on Clinical Section activities, and other valuable resources on countless topics of interest to clinicians. The website address for the file library is [connect.aals.org/p/co/ly/gid=85](http://connect.aals.org/p/co/ly/gid=85). If you have documents that you believe would be important to share with your fellow clinicians, particularly clinical syllabi or materials for teaching particular skills, please submit them to **Communications Committee Co-Chair Matt Andres** at [andresm@cooley.edu](mailto:andresm@cooley.edu). We are excited to provide you access to the collective brilliance of the clinical community right at your fingertips, and your contributions of materials can make this possible!



### EXTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

As externship opportunities continue to expand and improve at virtually every law school across the country, the Externship Committee is working hard with its new sub-committees (membership & outreach, best practices, new clinicians, technology, site visits, standards, remote placements, international) to provide enhanced resources for the externship community. We are looking forward to a record turnout at the AALS Conference in January where we will be hosting a number of events including a dinner at a local restaurant and what we expect will be a very informative committee meeting /workshop that will focus new innovations in web-based teaching for students in remote placements.

We are also getting geared up for our big bi-annual conference, **Externships 6**, which is being co-hosted this year by Harvard Law School and Northeastern School of Law from March 1-4, 2012. The conference is shaping up to be extraordinary and we strongly encourage anybody with an interest in externship teaching to attend. Conference registration is now opened at [northeastern.edu/law/academics/conferences/externships6](http://northeastern.edu/law/academics/conferences/externships6). Additional information about all these activities will be posted periodically on [Lextern@lists.cua.edu](mailto:Lextern@lists.cua.edu) (sign up if you haven't already!) In addition, if you have any specific questions please don't hesitate to contact Committee Co-Chair Jennifer Zawid at [jzawid@law.miami.edu](mailto:jzawid@law.miami.edu) or Committee Co-Chair Nancy Maurer at [nmaur@albanylaw.edu](mailto:nmaur@albanylaw.edu). We look forward to a busy and productive

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year during this period of unprecedented growth.



### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee has three major initiatives this year. First, we will be organizing works-in-progress sessions at this year's clinical conference in Los Angeles. We are pleased to report that works-in-progress will have their own time slot this year, which will ensure ample attendance and lively discussion of papers presented. The Committee will solicit paper proposals after the winter break. Second, the Scholarship Committee continues to operate the Clinical Peer Network for scholars seeking individualized feedback on scholarly works-in-progress from another clinical teacher with a shared substantive interest. (Please see the notice about the peer network in this issue of the newsletter.) Third, the Scholarship Committee plans to sponsor one of the small group sessions at the annual clinical conference, entitled the Scholarship Support and Development Workgroup. In this workgroup, participants talk about the writing and placement process, encourage development as scholars, and share ideas about writing projects. If you have suggestions for how the committee can help support scholarship, please contact one of the co-chairs, **Michele Gilman** ([mgilman@ubalt.edu](mailto:mgilman@ubalt.edu)) or **Jeffrey Pokorak** ([jpokorak@suffolk.edu](mailto:jpokorak@suffolk.edu)). Happy writing!

# NEWS FROM THE CLINICAL WORLD

## CLEA News for December 2011

The **Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)**, is looking forward to the **AALS 2012 Annual Meeting** in Washington, D.C. Please join us at the **CLEA membership meeting** at American University Washington College of Law on Friday morning, January 6 at 8 AM. Watch the listserve for the exact location. We will talk about CLEA's ongoing work on behalf of clinical education. In addition to our advocacy before the Standards Review Committee, we will discuss our responses to recent incidents of political interference with clinics, The Best Practices Project and other important initiatives. Coffee will be served and we will try to have big cups for this early meeting.

CLEA will also hold a meeting of the Board of Directors at American University Washington College of Law on Friday morning January 6 at 9 AM. CLEA Board meetings are open to all and attending a Board meeting can be a great way to learn more and get involved. CLEA is a very active all volunteer organization. It takes the work of many people to advocate, organize, educate and foster collaboration across the many groups who share our concerns and goals. Please come to our meetings and join our work.

In the last AALS newsletter, you were asked to renew your membership. I am pleased to report that many of you did and CLEA now has over 1000 members. This is a wonderful milestone for CLEA, even as we continue to add members to better serve our community. Membership makes a difference. Renew in the spring, and urge others who care about legal education, diversity and social justice to join CLEA. We are strong when we act together.

CLEA has continued its close involvement in the Standards Review Committee's comprehensive review of the Accreditation Standards. The **Standards Review Committee** met in Chicago on November 12 & 13. This was the first meeting under the new chair, **Professor Jeffrey E. Lewis and seven new members**. The Committee held an open forum and heard from the Chair of the Council on Legal Education, Dean John O'Brien and representatives from the AAUP, AALS, SALT, LWI, Legal Transparency, as well as other groups and individuals. Dean O'Brien expressed his desire that everyone feel heard, even as not everyone is going to be happy the new Standards.

In its presentation to the Standards Review Committee, CLEA noted both opportunities and dangers in reforming the Standards. CLEA urged the Committee to think about challenges, bad actors and the important role of Standards in insuring a baseline of quality in legal

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education. CLEA welcomed innovations in the area of outcomes assessment, even as we continued to urge that contemporary lawyering requires a considerably range of skills and values than the current version suggests. Finally, we noted the key role the Standards have played in supporting the growth of clinical legal education over the past thirty years and the need for continued support, given that ongoing issues for the clinics at Rutgers Newark and Maryland. CLEA noted that the ABA, representing the profession, has always understood that clinicians must be protected in their dual roles. As practicing lawyers, clinicians need to exercise independent legal judgment and as teachers, academic freedom is essential. CLEA urged the ABA to continue its long, vital tradition of supporting clinical legal education.

CLEA is also working with several clinics now facing or threatened with **political interference**. The lawsuit seeking records from a clinic at Rutgers Newark Law School will soon be heard in the New Jersey Supreme Court. In Maryland, the Governor has criticized a clinic for representing its client in a meritorious lawsuit. In other, less public cases, clinicians face other pressures to put expediency above principle. Our work in response to political interference, along with our advocacy to the ABA, the Department of Education and our engagement in the current public debate on legal education is making a difference.

Have you visited the **CLEA Website** lately? We hope you will find it more informative and easier to use than ever. Check later this month for election results, updates on CLEA activities and other news.

I close with thanks to everyone who works so hard in pursuit of our shared mission and offer particular thanks to our partners in the AALS. CLEA has strengthened its working relationships with the leadership of the AALS Clinical Section in recent years. There have been real benefits to our community and it is a great pleasure to work with such talented people. This newsletter marks the end of my CLEA presidential term. Please accept my thanks for this tremendous opportunity to serve and for all the support I have enjoyed. Together, we are making a difference.

**Ian Weinstein**  
**CLEA President 2011**

## NEWS FROM THE CLINICAL WORLD

**Albany Law School** students from the **Civil Rights and Disability Law Clinic** presented at a CLE training during the 2011 N.Y. State Commission on Quality of Care & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities Contractor's Meeting. The students along with a representative from Disabilities Advocates Inc. (DAI) – spoke about the Court of Appeals brief they recently wrote together with the law firm Patterson, Belknap, Web and Tyler. The brief concerns the refusal of the N.Y. State Office of Mental Retardation to release records requested by the law school and DAI in an investigation of neglect from the state agency, concerning the agency's unnecessary institutionalization of individuals with developmental disabilities. The Court is expected to hear oral arguments on the case sometime in the spring. Albany Law's Civil Rights and Disability Law Clinic has been recognized for its advocacy efforts in the New York Times. [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/12/nyregion/ombudsmen-gave-whistle-blowers-names-to-state-agency.html?\\_r=1&ref=dannyhakim](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/12/nyregion/ombudsmen-gave-whistle-blowers-names-to-state-agency.html?_r=1&ref=dannyhakim)



**Georgetown University Law Center** is proud to share the news that two of its clinics were **recently** given awards. Our **Appellate Litigation Clinic** received the **Pro Bono Award**

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From the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc (CLINIC)**. The award recognizes “the invaluable contributions made to the Board of Immigration Appeals Pro Bono Project and to the vulnerable populations that the Project serves.”

Georgetown's **E. Barrett Prettyman and Stuart Stiller Post-Graduate Fellowship Program** was honored with the Southern Center for Human Rights' Frederick Douglass Award. Details at: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/news/releases/october.27.2011.html>.



**Professor Nicole S. Dandridge, Director of the Michigan State University College of Law Small Business & Nonprofit Clinic** recently secured a Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant from the Michigan State University Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives. The grant provides funds for the clinic's year-long **Community Economic Development Inclusiveness Project** to create an interdisciplinary cultural intelligence and advanced business law curriculum for students who then will provide legal assistance to campus and community entrepreneurs, with a heightened outreach to the Chinese community. The

clinic is currently working in partnership with several university units and nonprofit organizations to implement the project. The clinic has developed a special curriculum where students will receive cultural competency and multi-cultural business training and instruction.

In addition, the **Small Business & Nonprofit Clinic**, together with the Kalamazoo Region Small Business and Technology Development Center, Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, ONEPlace at Kalamazoo Public Library, Community Legal Resources and the Kalamazoo Bar Pro Bono Committee, helped to develop and implement a project to build cooperative assistance for small businesses and nonprofit organizations in the Kalamazoo, MI area.

The **Michigan State University College of Law Housing Law Clinic** announces its **Fair Housing Project**, an educational and community outreach and advocacy effort designed to increase public knowledge of fair housing laws in Michigan and around the country. Students will help coordinate educational programs for the public, research and write publications on fair housing, provide informational materials via the clinic's website, arrange guest lectures by experts in the field, and collaborate with fair housing centers across the state. According to **Brian Gilmore, Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Housing Law Clinic**, the project is designed to address a lack of fair housing resources in the immediate area.



In October 2011 the clinical programs at the **Dickinson School of Law at Penn State** — University Park location moved to a brand new, dedicated clinic office. The clinic is located just a few blocks from our law school's main building. Shown in the photo is the student work space, which includes workstations in a variety of styles to accommodate different student and case needs. The clinic also has numerous private offices where students can work quietly or meet with clients, and two conference rooms with the state-of-the-art audio-visual capability that has become of our school's signature features. The clinic space is shared by faculty and students in our **Family Law Clinic, Children's Advocacy Clinic, Rural Economic Development Clinic, Civil Rights Appellate Clinic, Center for Immigrants Rights**, and starting in Spring 2012 our new venture in partnership with **Penn State's College of Engineering, the International Sustainable Development Program**.





**The University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the**



**Courts (CFCC)** has released its **Benchbook on Substance Abuse and Addiction for Family Courts**. The

benchbook provides information of interest and relevance to family court judges, judicial officers, court staff, and attorneys who are called to deal, directly and indirectly, with substance abuse issues on a daily basis. It is an outgrowth of a conference, “A Family Disease: The Impact of Addiction and Substance Abuse on Children, Families, Family Courts, and Communities,” that CFCC co-sponsored with the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and the Open Society Institute-Baltimore (OSI).

Additionally, in partnership with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), CFCC will host two two-day-long training programs for attorneys, parenting coordinators, mediators, judicial officers, mental health professionals, and other who work with separating and/or divorcing families. William A. Eddy, MSA, JD, will present “Managing Personality-Disordered Parents” on December 5-6 and Barbara Jo Fidler, Ph.D., Acc.FM, will speak on “Children and Divorce: The Voice of the Child and Interventions When Children Resist Parental Contact” on December 7-8 at the University of Baltimore School of Law.



This fall marks the launch of the inaugural class of the Community **Economic Development Clinic at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law** taught by Professor **Patience Crowder** and **Whiting Clinical Fellow Eric Franklin**.

Ten 2L and 3L students represent a wide variety of organizational clients, including a furniture designer, a video game retailer with multiple locations, an environmental consultant, a non-profit organization promoting the role of youth advocacy in environmental justice, and a neighborhood association organized to maximize community participation in a redevelopment project. The diverse range of clients includes women and minority small business owners and community-based organizations working to serve un-



derserved communities, and the waiting list continues to grow. To top off the exciting launch, the CED received a \$5,000 grant from Colorado State Bank and Trust.

In January 2008, the Friends of Animals, represented by the **Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law** petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting that 14 species be protected under the Endangered Species Act (August 9, 2011). The Service has recently proposed to list the Philippine cockatoo and the yellow-crested cockatoo (including all four subspecies) as “endangered” and the white cockatoo as “threatened” due to a variety of threats, primarily the illegal collection of the birds for global trade. The Clinic, taught by Assistant Professor Michael Harris, has also worked on local environmental justice issues which include helping the residents of Elyria seek removal or remediation of a large pile of recycling materials, known as “Shingle Mountain.”

**The Civil Rights Clinic**, led by **Associate Professor Laura Rovner, Ronald V. Yegge Clinical Director**, represented four federal prisoners, convicted of terrorism-related crimes, challenged the conditions of their confinement after spending years in solitary and other restrictive environments. The Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral argument on these claims last November.



Joint efforts of students and faculty at the **University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law’s Community Development Law Clinic and Housing and Consumer Law Clinic** resulted in a judgment for \$38,300 in compensatory damages and \$100,000 in punitive damages in a case involving a local unlicensed management company’s embezzlement of \$35,000 from a low-income cooperative, and \$3,300 in management fees for services that were not performed. The legal team included **3L’s Diane Seay, Aimellia Siemson, and Jennifer Blemur; UDC-DCSL Professors Louise Howells, Alysia Robben, and Ed Allen** served as supervising attorneys; and **Professor Thomas Mack** served as a consulting attorney, assisting with crafting the complaint and developing the legal strategy. The defendants embezzled the Cooperative’s funds, and thus the impact of this crime was felt by the families with the lowest incomes.



**Professor Louise Howells**

Based upon a substantial grant from the law firm of Crowell & Moring in honor and in memory of the firm’s founding partner, Took Crowell, the **UDC** law school has expanded its **Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic** and, in the fall of 2010, established the **Took Crowell**

**Institute for At-Risk Youth.** Professor Joseph Tulman directs the clinic and the institute. Through this project, first- and second-year law students from several D.C. law schools will represent parents and children in school discipline matters. **Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic** faculty continue experimenting with clinical pedagogy and creative approaches to the delivery of legal services. Working with the National Homecomers Academy, a community-based organization, the clinic has opened during the fall of 2011 an outreach office in a low-income neighborhood in Southeast D.C. Law students in the clinic go with supervisors to the clinic outreach office to be available for intake and for quick advice and referrals.

Under the supervision of **Clinical Teaching Fellow Maunica Sthanki, Immigration and Human Rights Clinic** students successfully represented a mentally disabled man from Tanzania. The Immigration Court granted the client relief from removal under the Convention Against Torture and he has been released from custody.



Due to the work of **University of Houston Law Center Immigration Clinic** students,



**Professor Janet Beck**

**Andrea Penedo** (3L) and **Catherine Yen**, now graduated, the Board of Immigration Appeals issued a precedential decision, *Matter of M-A-M-*, 25 I & N Dec. 474 (BIA 2011), which set forth procedural safeguards for mentally incompetent individuals in removal proceedings. Under the supervision of **Professor Janet Beck**, the students filed a motion to remand as well as an appellate brief, which resulted in the Board's remanding the case to the Immigration Judge to proceed according to the instructions set out in the Board's decision. This case has been attracting nationwide attention.



**Vermont Law School** is pleased to report that the **Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic (ENRLC)** recently filed a notice of intent to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over the agency's handling of a proposed natural gas pipeline through ecologically sensitive areas of Puerto Rico. ENRLC is representing a coalition of community and conservation groups concerned about the impact on the island; co-counsel for the coalition include the

University of Puerto Rico's Environmental Law Clinic, Puerto Rico Legal Services and other attorneys. "Our clients' objective is to ensure that the Corps fully complies with federal laws designed to safeguard endangered species and sensitive ecosystems as well as to protect the citizens of Puerto Rico from safety risks and other adverse impacts of the proposed pipeline," said **ENRLC Professor Pat Parenteau**, who co-supervises the case with **ENRLC Director Teresa Clemmer**.



In Adjuntas, Puerto Rico, attending a press conference for the case are, left to right: VLS ENRLC student Karen Schmidt and fellow student clinicians at the Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Puerto Rico School of Law, Noeli Marie Pérez and Maricarmen Cruz Guilloty.



**Washington University School of Law** is offering a new Washington, D.C. area intellectual property field placement for students pursuing a career focused on the preparation, filing, and prosecution of patent applications. Students in the **Patent Law Field Placement** work full-time in either the fall or spring semester at the law firm of Oliff & Berridge in Alexandria, Va. The students are expected to perform as first-year associates and will prepare responses to patent office actions, draft amended patent claims, and prepare communications with clients. After formal training, the students are paired with a mentor at the firm and given a slate of projects for the semester.

In addition, the law school just enrolled its first students in the **New York City Regulatory & Business Externship**. The semester-long clinical experience gives students the opportunity to learn firsthand about the practice and regulation of business associations, investment banking, and corporate and securities regulation. The placement sites for the students include the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), New York City Department of Finance, Standard & Poor's/McGraw Hill, and New York Attorney General's Office. The program is modeled on the school's longstanding, highly-successful Congressional & Administrative Law Externship in Washington, D.C.

The **Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic** scored a significant victory in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit on the issue of the standing of an environmental organization to challenge a permit for construction of a new landfill. "The magnitude, as distinct from the directness, of the injury is not critical to the concerns that underlie the requirement of standing, and so denying a person who derives pleasure from watching wildlife of the opportunity to watch it is a sufficient injury to confer standing," wrote Judge Richard Posner in the court's opinion.



The **University of Maryland's International Clinic** is embarking on its third year of human rights work in Namibia. The Namibia portion of the Clinic, led by **Professor Barbara Olshansky**, is working with local and international groups to establish the human right to water for Namibia's rural population who lack access to the minimum amount of water necessary for human survival. The Clinic has also been collaborating with DLA Piper's New Perimeter Pro Bono program and the Namibia Paralegal Association (NPA) to draft the first comprehensive guide, entitled *Namibian Law and Paralegal Skills Manual*. In Namibia, paralegals are human rights educators and advocates who volunteer and serve as the sole source of access to justice for Namibia's rural poor.∞

## HIRING and PROMOTIONS



Professor Jaime  
Dahlstedt

This Fall, **Jaime Dahlstedt** joined the **Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law** as an **Associate Clinical Professor of Law** and the inaugural **Director of the Ruth V. McGregor Family Protection Clinic**. In its first semester of operation, Jaime's clinic has already been integrated into a strong ASU and Phoenix domestic violence prevention community. In addition to providing individual holistic representation and advice to survivors of intimate partner violence, her clinic created and runs a community education program at schools that serve a low-income population. As part of this outreach program, students provide Know Your Legal Rights Trainings on domestic violence to parents in English and Spanish. Students also provide safety planning advice and facilitate discussion as to how those in the audience can help end domestic violence on an individual and community level.



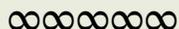
**John H. Blume** was recently named **Cornell Law School's first Director of Clinical, Advocacy and Skills Programs**. In that capacity, Professor Blume will work with the clinical and skills faculty to promote coherence, direction and growth for the Law School's clinical and skills curriculum. Professor Blume has been at Cornell since 1997 where he teaches Criminal Procedure, Evidence and directs the Cornell Death Penalty Project, including the capital punishment clinics.



**Susan Hazeldean** has joined the Cornell Law Faculty as an **Assistant Clinical Professor** this fall and will create a **Civil Rights Clinic** focusing on LGBT issues. Professor Hazeldean, who most recently was a Clinical Teaching Fellow at Yale Law School and who previously worked for the Urban Justice Center, has more than a decade's experience as an advocate for workers, immigrants, veterans and homeless LGBT youth. Professor Hazeldean is an outstanding teacher and mentor who will be a great asset as we move forward in revitalizing the clinical programs at the Law School.



**Peter Toll Hoffman** has joined the faculty of the **Elon University School of Law** in Greensboro, North Carolina. He holds the position of **Professor and Director of Skills Programs**. His new position will include supervising the school's clinical programs. He is formerly a professor at the **University of Houston Law Center** where he held the Newell H. Blakely Chair in Evidence.



The **Northern Illinois University College of Law** faculty voted to change the status of clinicians from short-term contract "supportive professional staff" to



**Wendy Hinton Vaughn**

Additionally, **Assistant**

College of Law. Professor Maddali most recently worked at DePaul University and managed a Poverty Law Clinic. She also worked at Northwestern University School of Law,



**Anita Ortiz Maddali**



**Paul Cain**

long-term contract "clinical faculty," which was approved by the Provost. As a result, **Paul J. Cain** has been appointed as **Clinical Associate Professor of Law** and **Wendy Hinton**

**Vaughn** has been appointed as **Clinical Assistant Professor of Law**. Professor Cain

teaches the **Elder Law Clinic** and Professor Vaughn teaches the **Domestic Abuse Clinic**.

**Anita Ortiz Maddali** has been appointed as **Professor and Director of Clinics** for the



**Patrick Metze, Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic, Capital Punishment Clinic and Public Defender Clinic** at **Texas Tech University School of Law**, was recently recommended by the faculty for promotion to full Professor with tenure. Under the law school's unitary tenure-track, all full-time faculty teaching in the clinic at Texas Tech will now be full professors with tenure.



**Patrick Metze**



**Miriam Marton** has joined the **Asylum and Human Rights Clinic** at the **University of Connecticut School of Law** as the **William R. Davis Clinical Teaching Fellow**. Ms. Marton was an attorney at the New York office of Skadden Arps, where she handled numerous



**Miriam Marton**

pro bono asylum cases. Marton has conducted trainings for Columbia, NYU and Penn law students on interviewing refugees, and presented papers at a cross-disciplinary international conference on the effects of humiliation on human dignity. Prior to her law career, she was a clinical social worker with a practice that focused on sexual assault and domestic violence survivors.



The **University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law** offers a two-year LL.M. program with a Concentration in Clinical Education, Social Justice, and Systems Change . The program, which prepares experienced attorneys to become clinical educators and leaders in the public interest bar, includes coursework in clinical pedagogy and public interest law, as well as development by each fellow of a project designed to effect system change, accompanied by a scholarly work of publishable quality. LL.M. candidates work under the supervision of the Law School’s experienced faculty to supervise and teach J.D. students enrolled in the clinic.

This year, the L.L.M. program welcomes three new **Clinic Fellows**. **Daniel M. Clark** works with the **Housing and Consumer Law Clinic**. Clark is the former Managing Attorney at the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program where he supervised Landlord Tenant, Affordable Housing and Bankruptcy programs. Fellow **Ramesh Kasarabada** works with the **Juvenile and Special Education Law Clinic** and the **Took Crowell Institute for At-Risk Youth**. He was a staff attorney and then a supervising attorney at the Legal Aid Bureau in Baltimore, representing children in abuse and neglect cases. **James (Jimmy) A.** comes to **UDC-DCSL** with experience as a Revenue Agent for the Internal Revenue Service; Judicial Intern in both the U.S. Tax Court and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and a Federal Tax Associate with Ernst and Young, LLP. He works with the **Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic**.



**Susham Modi** is currently a **Supervising Attorney** at the **University of Houston Law Center’s Immigration Clinic**. In this capacity, he is responsible for supervising upper-level students working on various *pro bono* immi-



**Susham Modi**

gration cases which include cases involving immigrants who are victims of crimes, immigration-related federal court litigation, appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals, asylum cases, and removal defense cases before immigration courts. Prior to joining the University of Houston, he worked as an Advocate/Attorney at Harvard Law School's Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program.



**Robert A. Latham** has joined the **University of Miami School of Law's Children & Youth Law Clinic** as a **Practitioner-in-Residence and Lecturer**. In the Clinic, he teaches students who handle cases involving abused, abandoned and neglected children in a variety of forums, including dependency and family courts, administrative hearings, and federal and appellate courts. Latham received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Michigan (2007), where he participated as a student and a Dean's Fellow in the Michigan Child Advocacy Law Clinic. Prior to joining the Clinic, Mr. Latham was a Senior Program Attorney at the Guardian ad Litem Program.



**Cortney Lollar** joins the **Washington University School of Law's Criminal Defense Clinic** as a **Clinical Fellow**. Before joining the faculty, Lollar was an attorney with the Federal Defender Program in Atlanta and with the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. A graduate of New York University School of Law, in law school she received the Arthur T. Vanderbilt Medal for public service and was editor-in-chief for the Review of Law & Social Change.



Cortney Lollar



Josh Gupta-Kagan

**Josh Gupta-Kagan** joins the **Civil Justice Clinic** as a **Lecturer In Law and Clinic Attorney** at Washington University School of Law. Gupta-Kagan joins the faculty from the Children's Law Center in Washington, D.C., where he was a senior attorney. He has taught Family Law II and Child Abuse and Neglect Law as an adjunct at the Georgetown University Law Center. In law school at New York University, Josh was a senior articles editor on the New York University Law Review and a Root-

**Robert Kuehn, Professor of Law at Washington University**, is the new **Associate Dean for Clinical Education**. In addition to assuming oversight of the School's fifteen clinical programs, he will continue to co-direct the **Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic**.



**Robert Kuehn**



**Kate Aschenbrenner**

The faculty and administration of **Barry University** has added an additional tenure track line to clinics, bringing the school's total to four. **Kate Aschenbrenner** has run the **Immigration Clinic** for the past two years as a visitor. Partially due to Kate's great work and partially due to the School's commitment to clinical legal education, the School has converted Kate's position to a tenure track position effective this semester.

Kate came to us two years ago to create and run our immigration clinic after completing a fellowship at Georgetown in the Center for Applied Legal Studies. Prior to her Georgetown fellowship, Kate had taught in the Immigration Clinic at St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami and served as a legal services lawyer representing immigrants for three years in St. Petersburg, Florida. Before this service, Kate served as a law clerk for Jack B. Weinstein, federal district court judge in New York City.

In addition to creating our Immigration clinic, Kate co-organized and ran the Haitian TPS Project of Central Florida with local non-profits, giving students the opportunity to assist eligible Haitians with their applications for temporary protected status after the earthquake.

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Annette Appell, (Washington University):**

- “Legal Issues in Lesbian and Gay Adoption,” in *Adoption By Lesbians And Gay Men: A New Dimension In Family Diversity* 36-61 (David Brodzinsky & Adam Pertman, eds.) (2012, Oxford U. Press);
- *The Myth of Separation*, 6 NW. J. L. & SOC. POL’Y 291 (2011).



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**Barbara Babb (University of Baltimore)** facilitated and presented a paper on Unified Family Courts at a plenary session for the American Bar Association Section of Family Law’s Fall CLE conference. The plenary, “Promising Practices in Family Law Cases,” looked at ways to improve the practice of family law. Panelists explored ways to minimize the destructive impact of the legal process on family members and to maximize the family members’ positive interactions with the family justice system and with each other during the pendency of the case and after the case concludes.

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### **Tamar R. Birckhead (University of North Carolina):**

- *Delinquent by Reason of Poverty*, 38 WASH. U. J.L. & POL’Y \_\_ (forthcoming 2012) (invited symposium contribution).



- *Juvenile Justice Reform 2.0*, 19 BROOKLYN J.L. & POL’Y\_\_ (forthcoming 2011) (invited symposium contribution).
- CHILDREN, PARENTS AND THE LAW: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AUTHORITY IN THE HOME, SCHOOLS, AND JUVENILE COURTS (with L. Harris & L. Teitelbaum) (Aspen 3d ed. forthcoming 2012)
- *The Challenges of Defending Juveniles in Delinquency Court*, in JUVENILE JUSTICE SOURCEBOOK \_\_ (Int’l Debate & Educ. Ass’n ed. forthcoming 2011).
- Op-Ed., *A Missed Chance for Justice in Court*, NEWS & OBSERVER (Raleigh, N.C.), May 11, 2011, at 9A (suggesting that Osama bin Laden should have been captured and tried in a court of law rather than assassinated).

- Speaker, Public Policy Forum on Juvenile Justice, UNC Institute of African American Research, Chapel Hill, N.C., Nov. 9, 2011.
- Speaker, *Due Process and Civil Rights in the Courtroom*, Islamic Center of Raleigh, Raleigh, N.C., Sept. 16, 2011.
- Speaker, *J.D.B. v. North Carolina*, Summer Workshop Series, UNC Law, Aug. 2, 2011.

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### **Kristina Campbell (UDC)**

- *The Road to SB 1070: How Arizona Became Ground Zero for the Immigrants’ Rights Movement and the Continuing Struggle for Latino Civil Rights in America*, 14 HARV. LATINO L. REV. 1 (2011).

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### **Patience Crowder (University of Denver)**

- Panelist, *Transactional Clinics’ Impact on Social Justice*, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Transactional Clinicians Conference, Chicago, IL (April 16, 2011).
  - “*At SEA (Sympathy, Empathy, and Apathy): Teaching Students to Distinguish Between and Strategically Select Modes of Communication*,” co-presented with Profs. **Robin Walker Sterling** and **Christopher Lasch** at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Seattle, WA (June 16, 2011).
- “*Connecting Sustainable Development and Social Justice in the Post-Metropolis: Observations from the Law Faculty of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law*,” co-presented with Professors Tom Romero, William Shutkin and Annecoos Wiersema as part of the University of Denver Marsico Scholar Program at the Urbanization, Nature and Socio-Transactional Clinics’ Impact on Social Justice, Panelist, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Transactional Clinicians Conference, Chicago, IL (April 16, 2011).
- Politics: A North-South Debate workshop, Denver, CO (April 6, 2011).



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**Evelyn H. Cruz (ASU)**

- Evelyn H. Cruz, *Because You're Mine, I Walk the Line: The Trials and Tribulations of the Family Visa Program*, 38 FORD. URBAN L.J. 155 (2010).

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**Nicole S. Dandridge (MSU)**



- Nicole S. Dandridge *Choking Out Local Community Service Organizations: Rising Federal Tax Regulation and Its Impact on Small Nonprofit Entities*, KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL (2011).
- Co-presenter, *Inclusive Excellence and Economic Development: Developing an Interdisciplinary Cultural Intelligence Curriculum to Inform Entrepreneurial Law Clinic Praxes*, at the LatCrit XVI Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2011.
- Co-presenter, *Legal Issues in Social Entrepreneurship and Cross-Campus Teaching Regarding Legal Issues in Student Entrepreneurship*, at the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2012.

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**Patty Ferguson-Bohnee (ASU)**

Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, the Director of the Arizona State Indian Legal Clinic, was elected President of the National Native American Bar Association and will serve from 2011 until 2013.



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**Leigh Goodmark (University of Baltimore)**

- Leigh Goodmark, *A TROUBLED MARRIAGE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM* (NYU PRESS 2011).

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### **Art Hinshaw (ASU) and Jess K. Alberts (ASU)**

- Art Hinshaw & Jess K. Alberts, *Doing the Right Thing: An Empirical Study of Attorney Negotiation Ethics*, 16 HARV. NEGOTIATION L. REV 95 (2011).

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### **Peter Joy (Washington University)**

- Peter Joy, *Rationing Justice by Rationing Lawyers*, 35 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y (forthcoming 2011).
- Peter Joy, *Ethics in Criminal Advocacy*, in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 201 (Myrna Raeder ed., 2011) (co-author).
- Peter Joy, *Contingent Rewards for Prosecutors*, 26 ABA CRIM. JUSTICE 55 (Fall 2011) (co-author).
- Peter Joy, *The Problem of Plagiarism as an Ethics Offense*, 26 ABA CRIM. JUSTICE 56 (Summer 2011) (co-author).
- Peter Joy, *Confidentiality and Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claims*, 26 ABA CRIM. JUSTICE 42 (Winter 2011) (co-author).

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### **Marcy L. Karin (ASU) and Robin R. Runge (University of North Dakota)**

- Marcy L. Karin & Robin R. Runge, *Toward Integrated Law Clinics That Train Social Change Advocates*, 17 CLINICAL L. REV. 563 (2011).

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### **Lawrence S. Krieger (FSU)**

- Lawrence S. Krieger, *The Most Ethical of People, the Least Ethical of People: Proposing Self-Determination Theory to Measure Professional Character Formation*, UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS LAW JOURNAL (FALL 2011).



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### **Robert Kuehn (Washington University)**

- Robert Kuehn, ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT - CASES AND MATERIALS (2011 Supplement) (co-author).

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### **Chris Lasch (University of Denver)**

- Chris Lasch, and his wife Elizabeth Stovall, succeeded in overturning a death sentence in a death penalty case from Kentucky. The judge vacated Mills’ death sentence based on the ineffectiveness of Mills’ trial counsel, who called a single witness at mitigation—Mills’ sister. Based on the evidence presented in post-conviction proceedings, at which Lasch and Stovall called 16 mitigation witnesses, the court found trial counsel’s mitigation investigation “perfunctory at best” and held there was “an abundance of mitigating evidence available to trial counsel” that was not presented (August 22, 2011).
- Presenter, “Jury Instructions: The Second Closing Argument,” a CLE for the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (July 15, 2011).
- Chris Lasch (and Robin Walker Sterling) served as faculty members for the SPDTC’s annual training conference. Faculty members for the SPDTC are experienced professors and practitioners who are or have been public defenders and participate by invitation only. The SPDTC annual training conference aims to teach students the “heartset, mindset, and soulset” of a public defender, concentrating on teaching skills in a setting that reinforces professional values and ethics. (August 2011).

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### **C. Benjie Louis (Albany Law School)**



Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law Benjie Louis, the Director of Albany Law School’s Tenant Foreclosure Protection Clinic hosted attorneys and advocates from around the country to discuss “Emerging Issues in Mortgage Foreclosure Affecting Tenants’ Rights and Remedies” on November 3, 2011. Conference attendees examined issues renters are facing, explored potential solutions, and shared their experiences at helping renters who live in properties subject to foreclosure.

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### Kevin Lynch (University of Denver)

- Kevin Lynch, *When Staying Discovery Stays Justice: Analyzing Motions to Stay Discovery When a Motion to Dismiss Is Pending*, 47 WAKE FOREST L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2011).



### Nancy Maurer (Albany Law School)



Professor Maurer led an Albany Law School student team to win the American Bar Association Negotiations Regional Competition over 23 other teams from 10 schools. Practicing attorneys, including Albany Law alumni, served as judges. Grades were based upon legal analysis, poise, creativity, communication and negotiation skills. The competition is intended to promote greater interest among law students in legal negotiations and provides a means for them to practice and improve their negotiating skills.



### Connie Mayer (Albany Law School)

Presenter, Using Rubrics to Assess and Engage Students, "Institute for Law Teaching and Learning" conference at New York Law School: (June 2011). Presented with **Marisa Cianciarulo (Chapman University School of Law)**, **Mary Lynch, (Albany Law School)**, **Professor Michele Pistone (Villanova University School of Law)**.



### Elan S. Nichols (MSU)

- Elan Stavros Nichols, *"Unanswered Questions under the PTFA: Exploring Protections for Tenants in Foreclosed Properties,"* JOURNAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW, Winter 2011 issue (published July 2011).



### Catherine O'Grady (ASU)

- Catherine O'Grady, *The Role of Speculation in Facial Challenges*, 53 Ariz. L. Rev. 867 (2011).





### **Kathryn Pierce (Washington University)**

Kathryn Pierce, of Washington University's Civil Justice Clinic, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Missouri Court Appointed Advocates for Children (CASA). CASA trains volunteers to speak up in court for abused, neglected, or abandoned children. Along with professors **Annette Appell** and **Mae Quinn**, also of the Civil Justice Clinic, she received the Legal Services of Eastern Missouri's Ashley **Award** for the Clinic's work in protecting the rights of children and families. The Civil Justice Clinic's two practice areas, Juvenile Rights & Re-Entry Project and Children & Family Defense Project, provide holistic representation to children, youth, and families in the St. Louis metropolitan area.



### **Laura Rovner (University of Denver)**

- Panelist, "Conditions of Confinement," at the Civil Rights Crisis in the Federal System Post-9/11 Conference, Brooklyn College, New York (October 13, 2011).



### **Peter Ruger (Washington University)**



**Peter Ruger**, the co-director of Washington University's Intellectual Property and Nonprofit Organizations Clinic, has been awarded a Life Membership by the National Association of College & University Attorneys (NACUA). The award recognizes "outstanding service and substantial contributions to the Association." Peter previously received the NACUA's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his many years of service as general counsel to Washington University and Southern Illinois University.



### **Mae Quinn (Washington University)**

- Mae Quinn, *Feminist Legal Realism*, 34 HARV. J.L. & GENDER (forthcoming 2012).
- Mae Quinn, *The Fallout from our Blackboard Battlegrounds: A Call for Withdrawal and a New Way Forward*, IOWA J. OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE (forthcoming 2012).



### **Laurie Shanks (Albany Law School)**

- Laurie Shanks, *Evaluating Children's Competency to Testify: Developing a Rational Method to Assess a Young Child's Capacity to Offer Reliable Testimony in Cases Alleging Child Sex Abuse*, 58 Cleveland State Law Review 575 (2011).
- Laurie Shanks, ***The Mirror Exercise - A Quick and Easy Method to Begin Discussing Race, Gender, Ethnicity, Age and Other Differences with Your Students***, LAW TEACHER, (Spring 2012) (forthcoming).



In addition, Professor Shanks organized and planned a program entitled “Interviewing and Counseling: A Teaching Workshop,” along with **John Craft (Faulkner)** and **Harriet Katz (Rutgers-Camden)** that was hosted by Albany Law School on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The program was a hands-on collaborative workshop that addressed significant challenges in teaching interviewing and counseling.



### **Robin Walker Sterling (University of Denver)**

- Co-Presenter, “Counseling Children and Youth in Times of Crisis: Tips to Achieve Success and Avoid Pitfalls,” co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Children’s Rights Litigation Committee (March 8, 2011).
- Presenter, “The Negative Effects of Juvenile Detention,” Juvenile Delinquency Practice: Translating Current Research into Convincing Advocacy, co-sponsored by the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition, Colorado Springs, Colo. (March 10, 2011).
- Co-Presenter, “At SEA (Sympathy, Empathy, and Apathy): Teaching Students to Distinguish Between and Strategically Select Modes of Communication,” co-presented with Profs. Christopher Lasch and Patience Crowder at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Seattle (June 16, 2011).



### **Karen Tokarz (Washington University)**

- Karen Tokarz, *Advancing Social Justice Through ADR and Clinical Legal Education in India, South Africa, and the United States*, in *THE GLOBAL CLINICAL MOVEMENT: EDUCATING LAWYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE* (Frank Bloch ed., 2010) (with V. Nagaraj).

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### **Liz Tobin Tyler (Roger Williams University)**

Professor Tyler edited *Poverty, Health and Law: Readings and Cases for Medical-Legal Partnership*, published by Carolina Academic Press. The book addresses the social determinants of health and legal remedies for addressing them. A full description is available at: <http://www.cap-press.com/books/isbn/9781594607790/Poverty,+Health+and+Law> Several of the chapter authors are clinicians, including **Kate Mewhinney (Wake Forest)**, **Sylvia Caley** and **Lisa Bliss (Georgia State)**, **Paula Galowitz (NYU)**, **Paul Tremblay (BC)**, and **Deborah Weimer (Maryland)**.∞



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## **Center for Excellence in Law Teaching Conference, March 30, 2012**

**Albany Law School's Center for Excellence in Law Teaching (CELT)** directed by **Clinical Professor Mary Lynch** will host a national conference on **"Setting and Assessing Learning Objectives from Day One"** for law school faculty and administrators on March 30, 2012. The conference, to be held at Albany Law School, will focus on setting and assessing foundational objectives for law students, as well as what some law schools have already done to better structure curriculum and prepare students to meet proposed new American Bar Association standards. <http://www.celtconference2012.org/> The conference will continue the work of Best Practices and Carnegie in building bridges between clinical, lawyering, doctrinal and perspective teachers and methodologies. Best of all, you get to hang out with Albany Law Clinical Faculty. Conference is only \$40 including a yummy dinner and if you book early you can get special hotel rates at the Hilton Garden Inn across the street from the law school. Double-queen rooms start at \$99.00. The rate will expire after March 8th, 2012 or after all allotted rooms are booked.



Mary Lynch

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## **Northeast Regional Scholarship and Teaching Development Workshop, Feb. 3-4, 2012**

**Albany Law School** will hold a teaching and scholarship workshop for untenured faculty entitled **Sharing Scholarship, Building Teachers**, the **2012 Northeast Regional Scholarship and Teaching Development Workshop** on **Feb. 3-4, 2012**. The workshop is intended for law faculty who do not have tenure and who seek an opportunity to develop their scholarship and discuss their teaching with other, similarly situated law faculty. The program will provide a safe and comfortable forum for untenured faculty to present works in progress, solicit feedback from peers ahead of the February-March Law Review submission season, and network with other untenured faculty in the region about teaching practices and related issues. There is no fee to attend the program (whether you are presenting a paper or not). Albany Law School will provide all meals and drinks during the workshop at no charge to attendees. Registration ended November 15, 2011, however late registration may be accommodated for those interested. Please contact **Professor Keith Hirokawa** for further details [khиро@albanylaw.edu](mailto:khиро@albanylaw.edu). The **deadline** for submitting an abstract, draft, or completed paper

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for review is **Jan. 5, 2012**

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## **Urban Child Symposium, April 12, 2012**

The **Center for Families Children and the Courts** will convene its fourth **Urban Child Symposium** on **April 12, 2012**, at the **University of Baltimore School of Law**. **“The Beginning or the End: The Urban Child’s Experience in the Juvenile Justice System”** will focus on issues regarding urban youths’ experience in the juvenile justice system during an extremely vulnerable time in their lives, when their still-developing brains and the personality characteristics common to adolescents expose them to unique risks. The symposium will address the importance of balancing public safety with the unique needs of urban children in the juvenile justice system and will also explore how society should address those needs in its approach to juvenile criminal behavior. **Professor Bernardine Dohrn, Clinical Associate Professor of Law** and founder/director, **Children and Family Justice Center, Northwestern University School of Law** will be a keynote speaker.

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## **Scholarship Committee**

The **Scholarship Committee** of the **AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education** offers every clinician an opportunity for supportive, non-evaluative feedback on a scholarly work-in-progress from a clinical colleague with shared substantive expertise. We have already matched many writers and reviewers. If you have a work-in-progress and would like to be paired with a clinical colleague at another school, send a request to this address: **clinicalpeernet-work@gmail.com**. We have an extensive database of clinicians willing to provide feedback in your subject-matter area. If you are willing to offer constructive feedback, join our amazing database of subject-matter experts at this link: **http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=pZsCVzJPWhTPxGN ikLSZMQ&email=true** or email **Michele Gilman** at **mgilman@ubalt.edu**. This is not a commitment to serve as a peer reviewer. You will simply be in our database, and when an author in your area of expertise asks for peer review, we will contact you to see if you are interested. **We are actively seeking more reviewers for our database.** If you have questions, send an email to **clinicalpeernetnetwork@gmail.com**. Happy writing!

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## **Southwest Junior Clinicians Conference, March 16, 2012**

The **Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University** is proud to host the initial **Southwest Junior Clinicians Conference on Friday March 16, 2012**. This conference is intended for junior clinicians (roughly defined as less than 10 years teaching experience) to have a safe place to discuss a broad array of issues that may impact their careers as professors who teach in a clinical setting. The conference will include plenary presentations, concurrent breakout sessions, and plenty of networking opportunities. Attendees who would like to workshop any scholarship-in-progress are invited to participate in the ASU Legal Scholars Conference scheduled for Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>. During the Legal Scholars Conference, attendees meet in small groups organized by subject matter and provide feedback on every paper in their small group. Scholarship monies are available for a limited number of clinical VAPS and fellows to attend the Jr. Clinicians Conference. Anyone interested in a scholarship should contact Zelda Graham at [roselda.graham@asu.edu](mailto:roselda.graham@asu.edu).

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## **Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference on March 1 and 2, 2012.**

**Save the date!** The **University of Baltimore's Center on Applied Feminism** will hold its **Fifth Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference on March 1 and 2, 2012**. This year's theme is Applied Feminism and Democracy. The conference will feature academics and practitioners from across the country and the world, including Paula Monopoli, Karla McKanders, Alizabeth Newman, Rachel Van Cleave, and Seval Yildirim.

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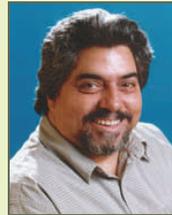
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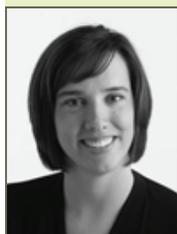
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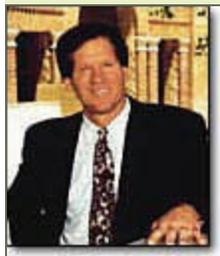
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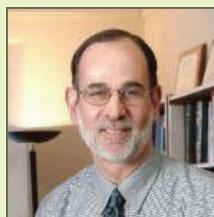
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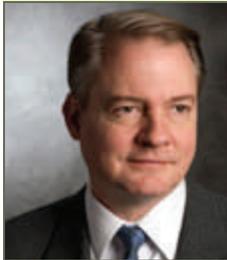


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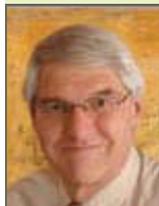


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