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**MESSAGE  
FROM THE 2010-11  
OUTGOING CHAIR:**

I wish to apologize to Section members regarding the lateness of the newsletter. It is solely *my fault*. I wanted to wait until the circumstances regarding the location of the 2011 Annual Meeting and the relocation of Section events had been resolved before I began with a rant or a rave—but events conspired so that my prose slowly turned into a whimper. Usually, the message from the Chair is upbeat and is a personal message reflecting the Chair's own musings regarding the Section over the past year. However, this year in light of the union boycott of some of the AALS Annual Meeting venues, I am looking forward to


the 2011 Annual Meeting with mixed emotions.

On an upbeat note, in September Seton Hall Law School hosted the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference *Our Country, Our World In A "Post-Racial" Era*. I think that I saw most of you there—even those of you who no longer regularly attend AALS events. On a personal note, the Third NPOC Legal Scholarship conference gave me, and many others, the opportunity to present scholarship in a safe environment and to obtain nurturing and encouraging feedback from distinguished panels of our peers as well as the rare opportunity to leave narrow doctrinal strictures and to explore a breath of ground breaking scholarship. So, I wish to thank the organizers, presenters, the students, faculty, and administrators at Seaton Hall Law School. I wish that I had space to recognize and thank the numerous law schools, law reviews, and organizations that sponsored programs and symposia this year on issues of interest to our Section. I would also like to congratulate Professor Michael A. Olivas as he becomes the next President of the AALS. As you read through the Section newsletter and discover the many achievements of our Section members during 2010, please take a moment to reflect on how far we have come, and how far we have yet to go, to realize a *just* “post-racial” society.

This year, like many other Section members, I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting with mixed emotions. For many of us, the AALS Annual Meeting is a period of

affirmation and encouragement. Each year at the AALS Annual Meeting, members of our Section formally and informally meet in the hallways and conference rooms. We renew old friendships and develop new ones over a latte or glass of wine—and on at least one day, we collectively break bread together at the Section on Minority Groups luncheon, at the luncheon we remember the past, celebrate our current achievements, and recommit ourselves to future service—and honor our New Year’s resolution to adopt a new section member to mentor or at least offer to read another work-in-progress. Individually, and collectively as a Section, we are acutely aware of injustice. Many Section members have made identifying injustices and creating remedies for them, the focus of their scholarship, teaching, and service. All of us strive to fight injustice wherever we find it.

This year, in San Francisco, many of us face the choice of whether we will just “talk-the-talk,” or whether we will “walk-the-walk.” I am pleased to write that our members who as a matter of conscience wish to honor the union boycott will find it possible to attend all the Section programs. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us that “He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.” The Section did not take a position on the location of the AALS Annual Meeting; because under AALS bylaws, AALS Sections are forbidden to take a public position. As Chair, I conveyed the concerns of



Section members who wrote to me or to other members of the Executive Committee to the AALS. The Section's Executive Committee voted unanimously to request that Section events, including the Section luncheon be moved from the Hilton Hotel to another venue, and we explored other options, if our request for a new location was not honored. The Section leadership worked closely with AALS administrators to relocate Section events, and this year, the Section's programs will be at hotels other than the Hilton Hotel. This is the good news.

The bad news is that some of our friends and colleagues will not join us in San Francisco because of a strong duty to obey their conscience. They could not finalize their travel arrangements without knowing that they could respect a union boycott. I would like to honor these individuals as well as our many members who will attend the AALS Annual Meeting and who have taken affirmative steps regardless of personal inconvenience or expense so that their participation in the AALS Annual Meeting events conforms to their conscience.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the members of the Executive Committee who thoughtfully and with good humor accomplished each task that I assigned them, especially Eboni Nelson who as a new member of the Executive Committee undertook the daunting task of organizing a section program and Fabio Arcila, Jr. who coordinated the hospitality suite during the AALS Annual Faculty Recruitment Conference. I would like to

acknowledge the quiet patience and sound common sense of my predecessor as Chair, Angela Onwuachi-Willig. One of many unsung heroes of our section is Larry Backer, the editor of the Section newsletter, and who was patient enough to permit me to write this missive *after* the Section programs had been moved. I would be remiss, if I failed to thank the staff of the AALS, in particular Jane M. La Barbera, Managing Director, and Tracie L. Thomas, Senior Meetings Manager, for their patience and courtesy under trying conditions and in dealing with me, an inexperienced procrastinating Section chair. Finally, I would like to thank our new Chair, Penny Andrews for her support, and I ask all of you to join me in wishing her the best of luck as the new Section Chair.

May your holiday season, be filled with joy and love, and may you and your loved ones enjoy a happy, prosperous, and productive New Year.

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2010-2011 Minority Section Chair  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE 2011-12 INCOMING CHAIR:

Dear Colleagues,

I am looking forward to assuming the role of Chair of the Minority Section. I want to begin by thanking Professor Llew Gibbons and Professor Angela Onwuachi Willig for their leadership of the section in the past two years, as well as members of the Minority Section Committee who work to ensure that issues affecting our section are dealt with in a thoughtful and constructive manner. I am honored to be in their company, and admire their commitment to our endeavors as law professors and their commitment to law as serving the ends of service and social justice.

I will be thinking about topics for the 2012 meeting, and would like to solicit thoughts from members of the section as to issues that we should focus on for the section meeting. My sense is that the economic downturn and its continuing deleterious impact on minority communities will preoccupy us. Another concern is the legacy and contemporary reality of the prison industrial complex and the way that it has wreaked havoc on the lives of minority communities, especially African-Americans. A third concern is the ongoing discussion about race in America, as we watch the Obama Presidency confront unprecedented challenges.

I look forward to the Minority Section meeting in San Francisco and exploring these issues, and others, as we plan the 2012 meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Michael Olivas. He comes in as President of the AALS in trying and exciting times, for our nation, as well as the AALS, and I have no doubt that he will confront the challenges in a vigorous and constructive manner. I wish to thank Prof. Larry Backer for producing this newsletter annually. It's no small task - and he does it with grace and panache.

I wish members of this section and their families and loved ones all the best for 2011.

### **PENELOPE ANDREWS**

2011-2012 Minority Section Chair  
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### **NOMINATIONS FOR CLYDE FERGUSON AND DERRICK A. BELL, JR. AWARDS**

The 2011 Section awards in honor of Clyde Ferguson, Jr. and Derrick A. Bell, Jr. are a perfect bookend for the month of January as we take stock of the past year and strive to achieve our hopes and dreams in the New Year. The Clyde Ferguson Award is named in honor Professor C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., the second tenured African American on the Harvard Law School faculty, and is presented to an outstanding law teacher,



who in the course of his or her career has achieved excellence in the areas of public service, teaching and scholarship.<sup>1</sup> The Clyde Ferguson Award recognizes a career of outstanding achievement, and the Section is honored to present the 2011 award to Henry W. McGee, Jr., Professor of Law, and Seattle University School of Law. The Derrick A. Bell, Jr. Award is named in honor of Professor Derrick A. Bell, Jr., the first tenured African-American on the Harvard Law School faculty (now at New York University Law School), and it honors a junior faculty member who, through activism, mentoring, collegueship, teaching and scholarship, has made an extraordinary contribution to legal education, the legal system or social justice. The Derrick A. Bell, Jr. award recognizes an a new member of the academy who has already demonstrated excellence and who shows promise for continued extraordinary achievement. This year, the Section is honored to present the 2011 Derrick A. Bell, Jr. Award to Rose Cuison Villazor, Associate Professor of Law, Hofstra University School of Law.

**Clyde Ferguson Award:  
Henry W. McGee, Jr.  
Seattle University School of Law**



<sup>1</sup>The life and work of Professor Ferguson are eulogized in A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., *An Irreplaceable Scholar and Friend*, 97 HARV L. REV. 1272-1275 (1984).

**Derrick Bell Award:  
Rose Cuison Villazor  
Hofstra University School of  
Law**



The awards and nomination procedures employed in 2010-2011 are described below.

The Executive Committee for the AALS Minority Groups Section sought your input. The Section received nominations for the Clyde Ferguson Award and the Derrick A. Bell, Jr. Award. Nominations were received through November 2010. After consideration of a number of excellent nominees, on behalf of the Section Executive Committee, the Section Chair, announced the recipients of the awards for 2011 in December 2010 via its Section Listserv and also in this Newsletter.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is November 18, 2010.** The recipients of the two awards will be announced at our Annual Meeting luncheon in New Orleans, Louisiana and on the AALS Minority Groups section listserv. Nominations should be made in writing in the form of a short letter or e-mail message describing why the nominee should win the award. Nominations should be sent to Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons, University of Toledo College of Law, 2801 W Bancroft St., MS #507, Toledo, OH 43606 or [lgibbon@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:lgibbon@utnet.utoledo.edu).

### Clyde Ferguson Award.

The Clyde Ferguson Award, named in honor Professor C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.—the second tenured African American on the Harvard Law School faculty—is granted to an outstanding law teacher, who in the course of his or her career has achieved excellence in the areas of public service, teaching and scholarship. The life and work of Professor Ferguson are eulogized in A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr., *An Irreplaceable Scholar and Friend*, 97 HARV L. REV. 1272-1275 (1984). Biographical archives can be found on-line at <http://oasis.harvard.edu:10080/oasis/deliver/~law00139>.

The Award is particularly aimed at law teachers who have provided support, encouragement and mentoring to colleagues, students, and aspiring legal educators. All current and former professional legal educators are eligible including administrators, librarians, clinical faculty, legal writing teachers, tenure track and tenured faculty, as long as they have served more than seven years in legal academia at the time of the Award.

The former winners are: Michael Olivas (1992), Jim Jones (1993), Paulette Caldwell (1994), Richard Delgado (1995), Taunya Banks (1996), Neil Gotanda (1997), Jerome Culp and Margaret Montoya (1999), Joyce Hughes (2000), Ken Nunn (2001), Frank Valdes (2002), Robert Belton (2003), Kevin Johnson (2004), Emma Coleman Jordan (2005), Stacy Leeds (2006), John O. Calmore and Ralph Smith (2007), Angela Harris and Berta Hernández Truyol (2008), Adrien Wing and Bob Chang (2009), and Angela Davis (2010).

### Derrick A. Bell Award.

The Derrick A. Bell, Jr. Award, named in

honor of Professor Derrick A. Bell, Jr.—the first tenured African-American on the Harvard Law School faculty (now at New York University Law School)—honors a junior faculty member who, through activism, mentoring, collegueship, teaching and scholarship, has made an extraordinary contribution to legal education, the legal system or social justice.

More information about Professor Bell can be found on-line at the following website: <http://its.law.nyu.edu/faculty/profiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=cv.main&personID=19776>. All current professional legal educators are eligible including administrators, librarians, clinical faculty, legal writing teachers, and tenure track faculty, so long as they have not received tenure and have served seven years or less in legal academia, at the time of the Award.

Former winners are: Sumi Cho and Peter Kwan (2000), Christine Zuni (2001), Devon Carbado (2002), Leti Volpp (2003), Spencer Overton (2004), Camille Nelson (2005), Angela Onwuachi-Willig (2006), Karima Bennoune (2007), Mario L. Barnes (2008), Kaaryn Gustafson (2009), and Melissa Murray (2010).

No one currently on the AALS Minority Groups Section Executive Committee may be nominated. Current members are as follows: **Chair** Llewellyn J. Gibbons, University of Toledo, E-mail: [lgibbon@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:lgibbon@utnet.utoledo.edu); **Chair-Elect** Penelope Andrews, City University of New York, E-mail: [andrews@mail.law.cuny.edu](mailto:andrews@mail.law.cuny.edu); **Executive Committee** Fabio Arcila, Jr., Touro College, E-mail: [farcila@tourolaw.edu](mailto:farcila@tourolaw.edu), Kevin R. Johnson, University of California, Davis, E-mail: [krjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:krjohnson@ucdavis.edu), Sandra E. Madrid, University of Washington, E-mail: [smadrid@u.washington.edu](mailto:smadrid@u.washington.edu), Audrey G. McFarlane, University of Baltimore, E-mail:



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### Suggestion from the Chair

Sometimes, a nomination may not have moved forward because of a lack of information. Anyone eligible for either award will have an exceptional record of achievement as a scholar, as teacher, as a mentor, or in service to the community. I would strongly urge anyone who is considering nominating a candidate for either award to consider encouraging others to write letters in support of that nominee so that the Executive Committee can properly evaluate the nomination. Letters from individuals who can comment on different aspects of the nominee's many achievements are especially helpful. If you have nominated someone in the past for either award that is still eligible for that award, I would strongly encourage you to consider re-nominating that person for the appropriate award. Finally, if there is an appropriate person, please consider nominating an administrator, a librarian, or a legal writing or clinical professor. These individuals are unsung heroes who make a daily difference in the lives of our students, the law school, and the larger community. But often, they do not receive the same recognition as tenured or tenure-track faculty.

Thank you.

Llewellyn Joseph Gibbons,  
Minority Groups Section, Chair  
University of Toledo College of Law



## NOMINATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

If you are interested in serving on the Section Executive Committee, please inform the current or incoming chair via email: Llew Gibbons, [lgibbon@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:lgibbon@utnet.utoledo.edu) or Penelope E. Andrews, [andrews@mail.law.cuny.edu](mailto:andrews@mail.law.cuny.edu)

The duties include: (1) approving annual meeting panels; (2) selecting the Clyde Ferguson and the Derrick A. Bell, Jr. award winners; (3) selecting new members of the Executive Committee; (4) coordinating with the newsletter staff to get the newsletter out in a timely fashion; (5) managing the section's webpage; (5) organizing the section luncheon; (6) overseeing the section mentorship program; (7) overseeing the staffing of the section suites at the New Law Teachers Workshop and at the Faculty Recruitment Conference; and (8) should the need arise, changing the Section's bylaws.

The slate of proposed members of the Executive Committee for the upcoming year is described in the next section.



## SCHEDULE: MINORITY GROUPS SECTION EVENTS AALS CONFERENCE 2011:

This year the Section will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring three excellent programs in San Francisco. Times and topics are set out below:

**MINORITY SECTION PROGRAMS  
AALS 2011**

**Thursday, January 6, 2011**  
**12:15-1:30 p.m.**

**Section on Minority Groups  
Luncheon**

Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Tickets may be purchased on-site until 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 5.

**Friday, January 7, 2011**  
**4:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.**

**Section on Minority Groups  
Program**

Topic: What is Economic Development After Crisis and Disaster?

**Saturday, January 8, 2011**  
**8:00-10:15 a.m.**

**Section on Minority Groups  
Program Co-Sponsor**

Topic: Law Professors, Storytelling, and the Academy.

**3:30-5:15 p.m.**  
**Section on Minority Groups  
Program**

Topic: Diversity in Faculty Hiring and Recruitment: A Candid Discussion From the Frontiers.



**MINORITY SECTION  
BUSINESS MEETING  
AGENDA  
Please Participate**

The Business Meeting will take place right after our first panel on *What is Economic Development After Crisis and Disaster?*, which is scheduled for **Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**,

**from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.** That meeting should run from 5:45 p.m. until 6:10 p.m.

The incoming Chair, Penelope Andrews (CUNY), will run this meeting. The slate for election at the meeting includes Audrey G. McFarlane (Baltimore) who is slated as the incoming Chair-Elect. Slated Incoming Executive Committee members include Dayna Bowen Matthew (Colorado), Ernesto Hernández López (Chapman), S. David Mitchell (Missouri-Columbia), and Eloisa Rodriguez-Dod (Nova Southeastern). Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Fabio Arcila, Sandra Madrid and Kevin Johnson will be rotating off the Executive Committee.

This year, the Minority Groups Section Executive Committee members have identified several important issues for community discussion. The agenda is below. We look forward to your joining us for this meeting.

**MINORITY GROUPS SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS  
MEETING AGENDA:**

1. Election and confirmation of new Executive Committee members
2. Election and confirmation of new Chair and Chair-Elect
3. Discussion regarding panels for 2012
4. Discussion of AALS plan to alternate Minority Groups Luncheon/Section on Women in Legal Education luncheons
5. Discussion regarding proposal for new Section Award
6. Adopting new bylaws that conform to new AALS policies on Section Awards.

Any new business



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**CONGRATULATIONS!  
THIRD NATIONAL PEOPLE  
OF COLOR LEGAL  
SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE  
SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.**

Seton Hall Law School hosted the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference September 9-12th. More than 500 faculty, judges, policymakers, practitioners, and students from across the country, Canada, and the United Kingdom participated in the four-day conference. We are grateful to our more than 40 sponsors, organizers, and presenters. A special thank you to our keynote speakers, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., the Honorable Cory A. Booker, Assistant Secretary Kathleen Martinez, Gay J. McDougall, and Keith M. Harper. For a conference program, photos, list of sponsors, and participants' presentations, go to <http://law.shu.edu/About/News/Events/thirdnationalpoc/index.cfm>

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**ESSAY:  
INEQUALITY IS KILLING  
US!**

Inequality is killing us! Blacks are sicker than white Americans; they are dying at a significantly higher percentage. These are undeniable facts. Black men live on average 6 years less than white men. Black men have shorter

life spans than men in Chile, Barbados, Bahamas or Jamaica. Black women live on average years less than white women. Black women have shorter life spans than women in Barbados, Panama, Bosnia and the Bahamas. Infant mortality rates are 2 times higher for blacks than for whites. Some racist has commented that African Americans should be grateful for living in the United States, yet, Black Americans have more low birth weight infants than women in Rwanda, Ghana and Uganda.

Social determinants of health is the key factors in the health status disparity between blacks and whites. Social determinants of health is the social, economic and political forces under which people live that affect their health. Social determinants include: wealth/income, education, physical environment, health care, housing, employment, stress and racism/discrimination. In fact, for blacks racism is a key factor. Even when economics is controlled, blacks have poorer health. That is, middle-class blacks have poorer health than middle-class whites. In fact, middle-class whites live 10 years longer than middle class blacks. The stress of living in a racialized discriminatory society accounts for these racial health disparities.

Racial inequality in health persists in the United States because racial discrimination persists despite laws against racial discrimination, in significant part because of the inadequacy of ant-discrimination law. In short, civil rights law only prohibits intentional discrimination and does not



address reckless or negligent discrimination. Reckless discrimination occurs when a person knows that there is a high risk of discrimination and the individual proceeds with the behavior. Negligent discrimination occur when the individual knew or should have known that their behavior would result in discrimination and fail to take appropriate action to prevent or reduce discrimination. Most discrimination of the 21st century is reckless or negligent discrimination rather than intentional. Eliminating racial discrimination is necessary to closing the health gap in America.

Racial inequality persists in the United States despite laws against racial discrimination, in significant part because of the inadequacy of anti-discrimination law. There are numerous problems with current civil rights law. But the most notable may be that 20th century civil rights law only prohibits intentional discrimination, and most discrimination of the 21st century is reckless or negligent discrimination. Reckless discrimination occurs when a person knows that there is a high risk of discrimination and the individual proceeds with the behavior. Negligent discrimination occur when the individual knew or should have known that their behavior would result in discrimination and fail to take appropriate action to prevent or reduce discrimination. Most discrimination of the 21st century is reckless or negligent discrimination rather than intentional. Eliminating racial discrimination is necessary to closing the health gap in America. For blacks, the health inequalities are the cumulative result of both past and

present discrimination throughout US culture. Because of institutional and cultural discrimination, blacks have less education and fewer educational opportunities. Blacks are disproportionately homeless and have poorer housing options. Due to discrimination and poor educational opportunities, blacks disproportionately work in low pay, high health risk occupations (e.g., migrant farm workers, fast food workers, garment industry workers). Historic and present racism in land and planning policy also play a key role in minority health status. Even when income is controlled, blacks are much more likely to contain toxic materials (and other unhealthy uses) sited in their communities than whites. For example, over-concentration of alcohol and tobacco outlets and the legal and illegal dumping of pollutants pose serious health risks to minorities. Another significant factor affecting many blacks is the lack of grocery stores with fresh foods but the ready availability of fast foods with high salt and fat content. Exposure to these risks is not a matter of individual control or even individual choice. Health status disparities is a direct result of policies, practices and procedures (institutional discrimination) that protect white privilege at the expense of black health.

Compounding the racial discrimination experienced generally is the institutional discrimination in health care that affects access to health care and the quality of health care received. Racial discrimination in health care delivery, financing, and research continue to exist, and racial barriers to

quality health care manifests themselves in many ways including:

- (1) economic discrimination; rationing health care on the ability to pay;
- (2) insufficient hospitals and health care institutions and clinics in community;
- (3) insufficient physicians and other providers in community;
- (4) racial discrimination in treatment and services; (5) culturally incompetent care.

The primary focus of health care reform law is the assurance of economic access through expansion of insurance. The recently passed health care insurance reform is not universal health insurance because it does not require everyone to have health care insurance. Nor does it assure health care because importantly, economic access to health care (that is the ability to pay) does not address issues of lack of physical access, such as the unavailability of providers and institution. Nor does it address poor quality of care, such as the lack of cultural competent care or discrimination in care or services.

President Obama has placed health care and economic recovery at the top of his agenda. The federal government has spent billions of dollars to help America regain economic footing and to reform the health care system. Yet, there is little evidence that the money is being spent in a manner that will close the health and economic inequality between whites and black. Health care reform and economic recovery for communities of color are something that cannot be achieved unless it is specifically addressed. Given

the institutional discrimination that currently exists in housing, financing, jobs, health and economic development, unless it (institutional discrimination) is explicitly addressed it can be expected that communities of color will not reap the same benefit from his recovery plan. Thus, unless the federal government specifically addresses the economic and health care gap between communities of color and white communities and the institutional discrimination, communities of color will not benefit from his economic recovery plan as much as white communities.

Inequality will most certainly continue. The administration must be encouraged to assure that racial disparities do not exist in the implementation of his economic recovery plan and the health care reform law by:

- enacting an Anti-Discrimination Act for the 21st century, which among other things recognizes reckless and negligent discrimination;
- directing the economic transition team and then his entire executive branch to engage actively in eliminating racial disparities in their area of responsibility by conducting racial impact assessments on all new policies, practices, procedures and programs;
- requiring the state, organizations and others who receive economic recovery money to assure that monies are proportionally available to blacks and people of color in contracting, in jobs and in closing the racial economic gap, and in revitalizing their neighborhoods;



- providing economic relief for individuals and families who lost housing due to subprime lending practices for at least the previous 10 years, including liberalizing the bankruptcy laws, developing a lending program for individuals who were foreclosed because of subprime lending practices with particular attention on black communities;
- assuring availability of health care providers and institutions in black communities by substantially increasing the funding for community health clinics and community health providers; and
- requiring third-party providers to provide culturally competent care and benefits.

### Vernellia Randall



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## MINORITY SECTION MEMBERS IN THE BLOGOSPHERE: OUR BLOGROLL

Set out below are some of the many blogs in which members of our section are active. If you want your blog participation mentioned next year, please let us know. I hope that each year this blogroll list will grow and that you share it with others.

### **Raquel Aldana (McGeorge).**

the salt law blog—

<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

### **Larry Catá Backer (Penn State).**

Law at the End of the Day--

<http://lbackerblog.blogspot.com>

Nuestras Voces Latinas--

<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

柏特立的博客--

<http://blog.sina.com.cn/lbackerblog>.

### **Margaret Barry (Catholic).**

the salt law blog—

<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

### **Steven Bender (Oregon).**

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### **Kathleen A. Bergin (South Texas).**

First Amendment Law Prof Blog--

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**David A. Brennen (Kentucky).**  
Nonprofit Law Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/nonprofit/>.

**Regina F. Burch (Capital).**  
The corporate justice blog—  
<http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com>.

**Anupam Chander (U.C.Davis).**  
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The corporate justice blog—  
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**Evelyn Cruz (Arizona State).**  
Immigration Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/>.

**Benjamin Davis (Toledo).**  
the salt law blog—  
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The corporate justice blog—  
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hip hop—  
<http://www.hiphoplaws.com> <http://www.hiphoplaws.blogspot.com/>.

**Berta Esperanza Hernández (Florida).**  
Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

**Lisa M. Fairfax (George Washington).**  
The Conglomerate--  
<http://www.theconglomerate.org/>.

**Anthony Farley (Albany).**  
the salt law blog—  
<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

**César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández (Capital University).**  
crImmigration blog—  
<http://www.crimmigration.com/>

**Joseph Grant (Capital).**  
The corporate justice blog—  
<http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com>

**Bill O. Hing (San Francisco).**  
Immigration Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/>.

**Creola Johnson (Ohio State).**  
Corporate Justice Blog--  
<http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com/2010/01/welcome-to-corporatocracy.html>.

**Kevin R. Johnson (UC Davis):**  
Immigration Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/>.

**Darryll K. Jones (FAMU).**  
Nonprofit Law Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/nonprofit/>.

**Hope Lewis (Northeastern).**  
IntLawGrls--  
<http://intlawgrls.blogspot.com/>

**Jena Martin Amerson (West Virginia).**

Teaching Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century -  
<http://teach21century-ellis.blogspot.com>

(with Atiba Ellis)

Thoughts on Citizens United -  
<http://thoughtsoncitizens.blogspot.com>

(with Atiba Ellis)

**Maria Pabon Lopez (IU-Indianapolis):**

Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

Jotwell-- <http://trustest.jotwell.com/>  
(Trusts and Estates Section).

**Guadalupe T. Luna (Northern Illinois).**

Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

**Pedro Malavet (Florida).**

Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>.

**Solangel Maldonado (Seton Hall).**

Concurring Opinions—  
<http://www.concurringopinions.com/>

**George A. Martinez (S.M.U.).**

Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

**Susan A. Maze-Rothstein (Northeastern).**

the salt law blog—  
<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

**Christiana Ochoa (Indiana--Bloomington).**

IntLawGrls--  
<http://intlawgrlls.blogspot.com/>

**Angela Onwuachi-Willig (Iowa).**

the salt law blog—  
<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

**Lydie Nadia Cabrera Pierre-Louis (St. Thomas).**

The corporate justice blog—  
<http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com>.  
Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

**Ngai Pindell (UNLV).**

Land Use Prof Blog-- Blog—  
[http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/land\\_use/](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/land_use/).

**Kamina Pinder (John Marshall GA).**

Administrative Law Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/adminlaw/>.

**Deborah Post (Tuoro).**

the salt law blog—  
<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

**Steven Ramirez (Loyola-Chicago).**

Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>  
Corporate Justice Blog--  
<http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com/2010/01/welcome-to-corporatocracy.html>.

**Usha Rodrigues (Georgia).**

The Conglomerate--  
<http://www.theconglomerate.org/>

**Ediberto Román (FIU).**

Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

**Enid F. Trucios-Haynes (Louisville).**

Immigration Prof Blog--  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/>.

**Francisco Valdes (Miami).**  
Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>.

**Charles Venator (Connecticut).**  
Nuestras Voces Latinas--  
<http://nuestrasvoceslatinas.com/>

**Cheryl Wade (St. Johns).**  
Corporate Justice Blog--  
<http://corporatejusticeblog.blogspot.com/2010/01/welcome-to-corporatocracy.html>.

**Adrien Wing (Iowa).**  
the salt law blog (guest blogger)—  
<http://www.saltlaw.org/blog/>

**Jennifer Wriggins (Maine).**  
tortsprofs blog (guest blogger):  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/tortspof/2010/04/guest-blogger-jennifer-wriggins-.html>

**Alfred Chueh-Chin Yen (Boston College).**  
Madisonian.net-- <http://madisonian.net/>.




**ESSAY:  
MINORITY VOICES IN THE  
BRAVE NEW WORLD OF  
BLOGOSPHERE**

When I was recently asked to submit an article for the AALS Minority Group Section Newsletter on the opportunities and challenges of creating a blog dedicated to addressing issues affecting minority issues, I first found the request a bit humorous. You see, as a faculty member slightly older than many of my colleagues, I never considered myself

particularly hi-tech. Indeed, I recall not long ago asking one of my colleagues, Howard Wasserman, a regular contributor to the Lawprof's blog "what the heck is a blog and how do you create one?" So being considered a knowledgeable person in this so-called new generation or means of scholarship is a bit ironic. I say this not only to provoke a smile or two, but more importantly, to encourage others with a yearning to write regularly on matters you believe are largely dismissed in existing blogs or scholarship, to consider contributing to an existing blog, or better yet, to create your own blog. I will first briefly describe possible inspirations for creating a blog, focusing on my own, and then provide a rough blueprint for providing your own, perhaps outsider's, perspective to a fairly successful blog. I hope this helps in inspiring others to enter this brave new world of scholarship and engagement?

As a few of you may know, a few months ago, I, along with a group of respected scholars, created the "Nuestras Voces Latinas" blog. It is specifically dedicated to addressing issues that affect Latina and Latino communities, but are rarely addressed by members of those communities. What inspired me to create the blog was, with notable exception to the immigrationprof and Blackprof blogs, I rarely, if ever, noticed Latina or Latino faces or names as experts opining on subjects affecting the Latin communities in the U.S. or abroad. Be it Bill Maher Show, Face the Nation, or one of the many blogs addressing contemporary news or political topics, none seemed to have representative voices. I had written on the subject in



one or more obscure law review articles, that I am sure few had noticed, so I began to learn more about this genre by speaking to colleagues I respected and knew had experience with blogs.

I was then inspired by two important events: the first was a panel on “the Dearth of Latina Public Intellectuals” at the most recent LatCrit Conference in Washington, D.C. where a fairly heated debate arose concerning whether law professors at the conference were in fact public intellectuals. While I was pleased when one colleague was kind enough to list several of the professors in attendance as public intellectuals and sources of inspiration, I nonetheless began to question the impact our scholarship had on the profession and larger communities. The second event was a conversation I had with my daughter about her experiences as one of the few Latinas at NYU’s business school. From that conversation, I sensed a yearning for alternative voices to the flood of perspectives that all-too-often define Latina and Latino issues as largely limited to music, fashion, immigration, and food. So I started what was to become a fairly large part of my professional life—the following is the blueprint and a ever-so-slight word of caution.

I first spoke to many, and recruited some, experienced bloggers. This for me was an essential first step. I started by writing to many colleagues I respected, but may not have know that well, and asked if they were willing to meet at the AALS conference to discuss a new blog project. An organizational meeting of respected possible contributors is

strongly encouraged. In that meeting, we will able to commit to a schedule for the submissions or posts (often a thorny issue as life gets in the way), a list of potential other bloggers, an understanding of the overall scholarly commitment, and a schedule for launching the blog. All of these are crucial subjects in order to ensure accountability in the future. I then recruited a handful of experienced bloggers. Fortunately, I was able to include invaluable sources of reference and experience, such as Steven Ramirez, Larry Cata Backer, and Leticia Nadia Cabrera Pierre-Louis. I also was able to gather an amazing group of scholars and additional fellow bloggers, including: Steven Bender, Guadalupe Luna, Berta Hernandez, Frank Valdes, Pedro Malavet, Charles Venator, George Martinez, and Maria Lopez. Receiving administrative support from my home institution, Florida International College of Law, was also helpful. Ensuring independence from my home school, however, was an issue my fellow editors raised, but was easily resolved. I raise it here only for new bloggers to consider. Then we began to write. Another important piece of advice is to ideally have bloggers from other blogs to announce your launch—we were fortunate to have blogs such as “the Faculty Lounge” and “Law Prawfs” announce our entry into the sphere. We also fortunately arrived on the blogosphere when crucial events, such as the enactment of Arizona SB 1070’s anti-immigration law, occurred. Events such as these allowed the blog and its editors to gain exposure and to provide the outsider perspective that was a primary goal for creating the blog in the



first place. Indeed, some of the editors have been interviewed by newspapers throughout Latin America, national domestic print media, and other important blogs, such as Factcheck.com.

I will end with both a few words of caution, and perhaps one or two of inspiration. First the caution, be prepared to receive a certain amount of hate mail. Indeed, a week does not go by when I or one of my fellow bloggers doesn't receive some form of a personal attack. I have responded by first filtering the comments and proving a warning that only respectful comments will be posted. These words nonetheless do sting for a few minutes. For me, I try to use my continuing search for balance and peace to remind me that such hate mail only demonstrates that the blog is having some impact. So I suggest toughening up that skin and giving it a go. I for one realize that dozens of articles and a few books had not had nearly the impact a two month old blog had when, for instance, the members of our group were able to gather over 200 law professors to publicly oppose Arizona's SB 1070. I would thus strongly encourage all of you to consider entering this brave new world.

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## **ACCOLADES:**

### **SECTION MEMBER NEWS, PUBLICATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

Among the many traditions shared by the members of our Section is the gift we give each other in sharing our achievements with each other. Our collective accomplishments serve as a testament to the extent and depth of the extraordinary achievements of the people who make this one of the most dynamic and vibrant sections in the AALS.

The Section is proud this year to bring what is deservedly the most popular section of this publication—a listing of the accomplishments of our members.

**Peter Alexander (Visiting Notre Dame, John Marshall).** Professor Alexander published “Bankruptcy, Divorce, and the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine: A Potential Marriage of Convenience,” Vol. 12 *Journal of Law and Family Studies* \_\_ (Fall 2010). He mentored other members of this section toward membership in the American Law Institute.

**Michele Alexandre (Mississippi).** Professor Alexandre a book chapter, “The New Faces of Feminism: Using Organic Feminism to Achieve Justice for Women in the Post-Feminism Era,” in *Transcending The Boundaries Of Law* (edited by Martha Albertson Fineman

and published by Routledge), an Anthology of feminist writing celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the groundbreaking Feminist Legal Theory Project, headed by Martha Fineman and now located at Emory School of Law. From July 5 to August 9, 2010, Professor Alexandre traveled to Bamako, Mali, pursuant to the invitation of the Institute for Popular Education in Mali (a non-profit human rights organization), to develop courses and teach human rights principles to K-12 educators in Mali. She also completed an article entitled, "We Reap What We Sow: Using Post-Disaster Development Strategies to Reverse Detrimental Pre-Disaster Policies in Mississippi and Haiti", (forthcoming in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change*), and completed a book chapter entitled, "Eradicating the Badge of Inferiority Associated with Stay at Home Dads: Masculinity, Vulnerability, Disability and the Employment Context," (forthcoming in *Ethics, Law & Society* (Volume V, Ashgate Publishing, edited by Professors Nicky Priaux of Cardiff Law School (UK) and Anthony Wrigley of Keele University (UK).)

**Ruby Andrew (Southern).**

Professor Andrew spent the past year on a committee laboring on Southern University Law Center's bid for full membership in the AALS. On Nov. 5, we were informed that the AALS Executive Committee had voted to recommend SULC at the 2011 annual meeting in San Francisco -- which will make SULC the **first** public historically-black law school to join the ranks of the AALS! Also, this year I received a favorable tenure vote and was promoted

to Associate Professor, and a book chapter, "Anti-Trafficking Legislation in Sub-Saharan Africa between Paradigm and Remedy", coauthored with Benjamin Lawrance, was accepted for publication in *Trafficking Women and Children in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa: Historical, Contemporary, and Comparative Perspectives*, (Ohio University Press, forthcoming Dec. 2010).

**Penelope Andrews (CUNY).**

Professor Andrews became Associate Dean at CUNY this year. She also published the following: "Without Fear, Favor or Prejudice: Judicial Transformation and the Independence of the Judiciary in South Africa" in *Law and Social Movements* (Scott Cummings ed. Fall 2010) 200; and "The Judiciary in South Africa: Independence or Illusion?" in *Judicial Independence In Context* (Adam Dodek & Lorne Sossin eds. 2010) 466.

**Fabio Arcila, Jr. (Touro).**

Professor Arcila published "The Death of Suspicion," 51 *William & Mary Law Review* 1275 (2010), and was a panelist at Arnold Loewy's 4th Annual Texas Tech Criminal Law Symposium on Fourth Amendment Search and Seizure in April 2010. He won the 2010 James Madison prize from the Society for History in the Federal Government for excellence in an article or essay that deals with any aspect of the federal government's history for his article "The Framers' Search Power: The Misunderstood Statutory History of Suspicion & Probable Cause," 50 *Boston College Law Review* 363 (2009). He continues to serve as a

planning committee member for the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, and served on the planning committee for the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference held on September 9-12, 2010 at Seton Hall University Law School. He serves on this section's Executive Board and is active in the Hispanic National Bar Association's New York Region. His papers can be accessed through the Social Science Research Network at: <http://ssrn.com/author=399048>.

**Larry Catá Backer (Penn State).**

Professor Backer was elected Secretary of the Penn State University Faculty Senate. He also became a member of the Penn State University School of International Affairs in which he teaches the core course "Actors, Institutions and Legal Frameworks in International Affairs." He published the following book chapters: "From Colonies to Collective: ALBA, Latin American Integration, and the Construction of Regional Political Power," in *Handbook on Diplomacy and Statecraft* (London: Taylor & Francis/Routledge, forthcoming 2011); "The Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye: The Ironic Story of Santeria in the United States, in Law and Religion," in *Law And Religion: Cases in Context* (Leslie Griffin, et al., eds., Aspen Press, 2010); He published the following articles: "Private Governance, Soft Law, and the Construction of Polycentric Networks for the Regulation of Transnational Corporations," 17(1) *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies* -- (2011); "Values Economics And Theology: The Contribution Of Catholic Social Thought

And Its Implications For Legal Regulatory Systems," 5(2) *Economics, Management, and Financial Markets* 17 (2010); Symposium Issue: "A Constitutional Court for China Within the Chinese Communist Party?: Scientific Development and a Reconsideration of the Institutional Role of the CCP," 43(3) *Suffolk Law Review* 593 (2010); "Cuba And The Construction Of Alternative Global Trade Systems: ALBA And Free Trade In The Americas," 31(3) *University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law* 679 (2010) (with Augusto Molina Roman); "Sovereign Wealth Funds as Regulatory Chameleons: The Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Funds and Public Global Governance Through Private Global Investment," 41(2) *Georgetown Journal of International Law* 425 (2010); "Sovereign Investing in Times of Crisis: Global Regulation of Sovereign Wealth Funds, State Owned Enterprises and the Chinese Experience," 19(1) *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* 3 (2010); "The Drama Of Corporate Law: Corporate Narrative Between Policy And Law," 2009 *Michigan State Law Review* 1111 (Reviewing David A. (Bert) Westbrook, *Between Citizen And State: An Introduction To The Corporation*. Boulder, Co, Paradigm Press 2007. + 176 Pp. Hardback ISBN-13 978-1594514043); "The United Nations' "Protect, Respect, and Remedy" Human Rights Project: On Operationalizing a Global Framework for the Regulation of Transnational Corporations," 9 *Santa Clara J. Int'l Law* -- (forthcoming 2010). He participated in academic presentations of his work at conferences and workshops

in the United States, Canada, Germany, Spain and Brazil. His work is available through the Social Science Research Network at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf\\_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per\\_id=259226](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=259226).

**Taunya Lovell Banks (Maryland).** Professor Banks published the following: "Thurgood Marshall, the Race Man, and Gender Equality in the Courts," 18 *Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law* 15 (2010); "Troubled Waters: Mid-Twentieth Century American Society on "Trial" in the Films of John Waters," 39 *Stetson Law Review* 153 (2009) (Law, Literature, and Film Symposium); and "Outsider Citizens: Film Narratives about the Internment of Japanese Americans," 42 *Suffolk University Law Journal* 169 (2009) (lead article - symposium issue on legal outsiders). Selected blog entries include: Post-Racialism Mississippi Style <http://umlaw.typepad.com/quoth/2010/08/post-racialism-mississippi-style.html>; Incomplete Truths: Women, Title IX and Sports - Racial and Wealth Disparities <http://umlaw.typepad.com/quoth/2010/08/incomplete-truths-women-title-ix-and-sports---racial-and-wealth-disparities.html>; Race and Marketing in Post-Racial America II - White Girl Salsa, <http://umlaw.typepad.com/quoth/2010/07/race-and-marketing-in-post-racial-america-ii-white-girl-salsa.html>; and Post-Racial "Race Talk" and the Marketing of Tampons <http://umlaw.typepad.com/quoth/2010/06/post-racial-race-talk-and-the-marketing-of-tampons.html>

**Jeannine Bell (Indiana-Bloomington).** Professor Bell has been elected Treasurer of the Law and

Society Association (LSA). She is currently serving as co-chair of the LSA Program Committee for the 2011 meeting in San Francisco. This fall she published, "The Personal, the Political and Race: Response to Richard Lempert's Law & Society Association Presidential Address" in volume 44 of *Law & Society Review* (2010). Bell was also named a Neizer Faculty fellow for 2010-2011.

**Kathleen Bergin (South Texas).** Professor Bergin was a visitor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Spring 2010, was elected to SALT Board of Governors, launched the disaster law center, "You.Me.We", testified about forced evictions in Haiti before the Inter-Am. Commission on Human Rights, and published the book, *Skills & Values: The First Amendment*.

**Nicola ("Nicky") Boothe-Perry (Florida A&M).** Professor Boothe-Perry published, "Professionalism's Triple E Query: Is Legal Academia Enhancing, Eluding, or Evading Professionalism?" 56 *Loyola L. Rev.* 517 (2009); and "Enforcement of Law Schools Non-Academic Honor Codes: A Necessary Step Towards Professionalism?" 89 *Neb. L. Rev.* \_\_\_\_ (Forthcoming, 2011). In addition, she was selected to serve as a rapporteur for the International Law Conference, *Towards an International Law of Black Women: New Theory New Praxis*, at Florida A&M University, March 2010. She was also selected to serve as a panelist and moderator for the "Diversity in the Profession: The Role of Firms, Corporations, and Specialty Bar Associations" panel at The Third



National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law (September 2010); and presented her work-in-progress, "Standard Lawyer Behavior? Professionalism as an Essential Standard for ABA Accreditation," at the Annual Florida Clinician's Conference, Cocoa Beach (October, 2010).

**Kevin Brown (Indiana-Bloomington).** Professor Brown published the following articles: "African American Disproportionality in School Discipline: The Divide Between Best Evidence and Legal Remedy" (co-authored with Russell J. Skiba & Suzanne Eckes) part of symposium issue entitled "The School-to-Prison Pipeline" 54 *New York Law Review* 1071 (2009/10); "Can Public International Boarding Schools in Ghana be the Next Educational Reform Movement for Urban Minority Public School Students?" part of symposium issue entitled "Educational Equity in Communities of Color" 19 *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review* 91 (2009); and "Now is the Appropriate Time For Selective Higher Education Programs to Collect Racial and Ethnic Data on its Black Applicants and Students," 34 *Thurgood Marshall Law Review* 287(2009). He has published the following comments and essays: "Perspective and Point of View on Affirmative Action: A Response to Brilliant Disguise: An Empirical Analysis of a Social Experiment Banning Affirmative Action by Deirdre Bowen," 85 *Indiana Law Journal* 1303 (2010); "It's More than Checking a Box," 25 *Winds of Change* 19 (2010) (co-authored with Joseph Stahlman);

"Change In Racial And Ethnic Classifications Is Here: Proposal To Address Race And Ethnic Ancestry Of Blacks For Affirmative Action Admissions Purposes," 31 *Hamlin Journal of Public Law & Policy* 143 (2009); "Foreword: President Barack Obama Law & Policy Symposium," 35 *Thurgood Marshall Law Review* 1 (2009). He published the following encyclopedia entries: "Affirmative Action" in *Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture Affirmative Action* (ed. Jessie Carney Smith forthcoming 2010); "Brown v Board of Education" in *Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture Affirmative Action* (ed. Jessie Carney Smith forthcoming 2010); "Plessy v Ferguson" in *Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture Affirmative Action* (ed. Jessie Carney Smith forthcoming 2010). Professor Brown was also the recipient of Critical Race Theory Workshop Founder Award at CRT 20: Honoring Our Past, Charting Our Future (University of Iowa, April 2009).

**Regina F. Burch (Capital).** In addition to her appointment as Director of Faculty Development, Professor Burch has two publications coming out this academic year: "Financial Regulatory Reform Post-Financial Crisis 2010: Unintended Consequences for Small Businesses," was accepted for publication by the *Penn State Law Review* and is scheduled for publication in November 2010; "Worldview Diversity in the Boardroom: A Law and Social Equity Rationale," is scheduled for publication in a spring 2011 issue of the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*.



**Sherri Burr (New Mexico).**

Professor Burr was appointed Acting Director of the Africana Studies Program at the University of New Mexico on May 19, 2008 for a one-year term. During the summer 2008, she published the following three books: *Sum & Substance on Entertainment Law Audio Book* (Thomson West, 2008); *Quick Review of International Law 2nd Edition* (Thomson West, 2008); and *Supplement to Entertainment Law: Cases & Materials in Film, Television & Music* (Thomson West, 2008). At the April 2008 New Mexico Press Women Conference in Albuquerque, she received six awards for outstanding speech, column, and editorial writing. Her television show *ARTS TALK* received an Honorable Mention in Category 30B Television Talk Show. Burr gave four speeches including a presentation on "Wills, Trusts, and Estates" to the New Mexico branch of the National Council of Negro Women on 26 April 2008, a lecture on "Violence in the Media: Using Images to Advocate for Social Change" at the Society of American Law Teacher's Conference at Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley on 15 March 2008, a speech on "Race & Racism in the New Millennium" at Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM, on 21 February 2008 and a speech on "International Relations in a Post-9-11 World" at Western New Mexico University in Silver City, NM, on 28 February 2008.

**Charles Calleros (Arizona State).**

Professor Calleros has earned two awards for his work on diversity pipeline programs: AZ State Bar Committee on Women and Minorities in the Law

Award for Outstanding Achievement Advancing Equal Opportunity in the Legal Profession (June 2010); ABA Spirit of Excellence Award (to be awarded at ABA Meeting, Feb. 12, 2011). He has also finished work on the 6th edition of *Legal Method And Writing* (forthcoming 2011); *Contracts: Cases, Text, And Problems* (forthcoming in Carolina Academic Press as electronic casebook); and articles on teaching comparative law in Europe and on International Conflicts of Laws (both forthcoming 2011).

**Jennifer Chacón (U.C. Irvine).**

In the 2009-2010 academic year, Jennifer Chacón published articles in the *Pennsylvania Law Review*, the *Duke Law Journal* and the *Columbia Law Review's* Sidebar, in addition to writing shorter articles for the *American Bar Association's* Preview Magazine and LexisNexis' expert commentaries. She is also writing a monthly column on immigration law issues for the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. She has been interviewed for stories in media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Telemudo* and *Colorlines Magazine*.

This fall, she assumed the position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of California, Irvine, School of Law.

**Henry L. Chambers, Jr. (Richmond).**

Henry Chambers has recently authored the following: "Holy Writ: Interpretation In Law and Religion," 26 *Journal Of Law And Religion* \_\_ (forthcoming 2011) (book review); "Much Ado About Nothing Much: Protestant Episcopal church in the Diocese of Virginia v. Truro

Church," 45 *U. Rich. L. Rev.* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2010)(with Isaac A. McBeth); "The Wild West of Supreme Court Employment Discrimination Jurisprudence," 61 *South Carolina Law Review* 577 (2010)(symposium essay).

**Kim D. Chanbonpin (John Marshall).** Professor Chanbonpin will be publishing "We Don't Want Dollars, Just Change": Narrative Counter-Terrorism Strategy, an Inclusive Model for Social Healing, and the Truth About Torture Commission, 6 *NW J. L. & Soc. Pol'y* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2010).

**Frank Rudy Cooper (Suffolk).** Professor Cooper will imminently publish his article, "Masculinities, Post-racialism, and the Gates Controversy: The False Equivalence Between Officer and Civilian," 11 *Nevada L.J.* 1 (2010). He presented his paper, *The King Stay the King: Masculinities and Capitalism in The Wire*, which is forthcoming in *Masculinities and Law: A Multidimensional Approach* (Frank Rudy Cooper & Ann C. McGinley eds., NYU Press 2011), at the 15th LatCrit conference in October in Denver.

**andré douglas pond cummings (West Virginia).** In 2010 Professor cummings published his book *Reversing Field: Examining Commercialization, Labor, Gender And Race In 21st Century Sports Law*" (with Anne Marie Lofaso), and several articles including "racial coding and the financial market crisis" (*Utah Law Review*), "procuring 'justice'?: citizens united, caperton, and partisan judicial elections" (*Iowa Law*

*Review*), and "the associated dangers of 'brilliant disguises,' color-blind constitutionalism, and postracial rhetoric" (*Indiana Law Journal*).

**Benjamin J. Davis (Toledo).** Professor Davis was named Outstanding Faculty Member 2009 by the University of Toledo College of Law Alumni Association. He was also awarded the Community Service Award of the United Muslims Association of Toledo. He published "Online Influence Spaces and Digital Influence Waves, In Honor of Charles B. Gittings, Jr." in the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution* and a chapter entitled "When Harry Met Martin" in the *Law and Harry Potter (Carolina)* both coming out shortly. He was elected Council Member of the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution, Board Member of the Society of American Law Teachers, and appointed Chair of the Arbitration Subcommittee of the American Bar Association Law School Division Competitions Committee. He was interviewed numerous times on television and radio over the years on variety of matters relating to the War on Terror and the confirmation of Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

**Timothy Davis (Wake Forest).** Professor Davis published the following: "Eradicating Student-Athlete Sexual Assault of Women: Section 1983 and Personal Liability Following *Fitzgerald v. Barnstable*," 2009 *Mich. St. L. Rev.* 629; "Reaction to "An Economic Look at the Sustainability of FBS Athletic Departments:" Implications for Reform," 3 *J. Intercollegiate Sport* 22 (2010); and

“Book Review of Sport and Criminal Behavior,” 3 *J. Intercollegiate Sport* 204 (2010).

**Akilah Folami (Hofstra).** Professor Folami published: Deliberative “Democracy on the Air: Reinvigorate Localism—Resuscitate Radio’s Subversive Past,” that is being published in Volume 63 in the Fall 2010 issue of the *Federal Communication’s Law Journal*, and “Freeing the Press from Editorial Discretion and Cultural Hegemony in Bona Fide News: Why the Revolution Should Be Televised,” that is being published in the *Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts*, Issue 3 Spring 2011.

**Doris “Wendy” Green (Cumberland).** Professor Greene was promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Law. She published “Pretext Without Context”, 75 *Mo. L. Rev.* 403 (2010), “On Race, Nationhood and Citizenship,” Book Review of Laura E. Gómez’s *Manifest Destinies: The Making of the Mexican American Race*, 34 *T. Marshall L. Rev.* 421 (2010). and has an article, “Black Women Can’t Have Blonde Hair...in the Workplace,” forthcoming in the *Iowa Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice*. Her paper, “Paradoxes of Perception” was one of five selected for and presented during the Fifth Annual Seton Hall Employment and Labor Law Scholars’ Forum in October. Lastly, in 2010, she served as the Works in Progress Co-Chair for the 2010 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference and the Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

**Michael Z. Green (Texas Wesleyan).** Professor Green published the following articles: “Unpaid Furloughs and Four-Day Work Weeks: Employer Sympathy or a Call for Collective Employee Action?,” 42 *Conn. L. Rev.* 1139 (2010); “No Strict Evidence Rules in Labor and Employment Arbitration,” 15 *Texas Wesleyan L. Rev.* 533 (2009). He also published “Arbitrators, Not Courts, May Decide Contract Unconscionability,” in volume 38 of the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Section’s Summer 2010 newsletter. Professor Green has made more than a dozen presentations over the last year as follows in chronological order: (1) Fourth Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium, Panel on Employment Discrimination in a Non-Binary World: Masculinity, Segregation, and Institutional Responsibility, “Doubting the Thomases: Is Black on Black Workplace Sexual Harassment an Issue of Race or Sex or Both?,” UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California (March 11, 2010); (2) American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law’s Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility Midwinter Meeting, “The Allure of Cyberspace and Its Ethical Traps for Employment Lawyers,” Coronado, California (March 26, 2010); (3) American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Committee on Technology in the Practice and Workplace Midwinter Meeting, Panel on Virtual and Portable Workspaces and the Practice of Law, “The Allure of Cyberspace and Its Ethical Traps for Employment Lawyers,” New York University School

of Law, New York, New York (April 29, 2010); (4) The Center for American and International Law, 48th Annual Course on Labor Law and Labor Arbitration, "The Negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreements," Plano, Texas (May 12, 2010); (5) American Bar Association Labor and Employment Section and ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education, Teleconference/Webcast, "Twenty-Five Years of Employment Discrimination Law," (May 19, 2010, 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. E.S.T.); (6) Panel on Collective Labor Law: Crossing Boundaries Within and Between the Nation-State," Unions and Racial Justice: What *Pyett* and *Ricci* Hath Joined Together, Let No Employer Put Asunder," Chicago, Illinois (May 28, 2010); (7) Twenty-Seventh Annual Carl A. Warns, Jr., Labor and Employment Law Institute, sponsored by the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, "The Allure of Electronic Communications and the Ethical Traps They Pose for Employment Lawyers," Louisville, Kentucky (June 25, 2010); (8) Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Labor and Employment Panel on Workplace Privacy, "The Allure of Cyberspace and Its Employment Privacy Implications," Palm Beach, Florida (August 4, 2010); (9) American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Labor and Employment Presidential Showcase Program on Ethics in Cyberspace, "Examining Ethical Issues in Cyberspace Through Hypotheticals," San Francisco, California (August 6, 2010); (10) Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, "Alternative Dispute Resolution of

Employment Discrimination Claims: Does Race Still Matter?," Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, New Jersey (September 11, 2010); (11) Fifth Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor and Employment Law , "Employer-Provided Mobile Communication Devices: Keeping the Employees' Expectation of Privacy Realistic?," Washington University College of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (September 24, 2010); (12) Presenter, "Mock AALS Interview" at the Society of American Law Teachers and LatCrit XV Eighth Annual Junior Faculty Development Program, Denver, Colorado (October 7, 2010); (13) Fourth Annual Association of American Law Schools Dispute Resolution Section Works-in-Progress Conference, "Alternative Dispute Resolution of Employment Discrimination Claims: Does Race Matter When Reading *Ricci* and *Pyett*?," University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon (October 16, 2010); and (14) Law Review Symposium: Labor and Employment Law Under the Obama Administration, "Reading *Ricci* and *Pyett* to Provide Racial Justice Through Union Arbitration," Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana (November 13, 2010).

**Ernesto Hernández López (Chapman).** Professor Hernández-López published "Guantánamo as a "Legal Black Hole": A Base for Expanding Space, Markets, and Culture, *Univ. San Francisco Law Rev.*, "Guantánamo outside and inside the U.S.: why is an American base a legal anomaly?," 18 *American Univ. Journal Of Gender, Social Policy, & The Law*



(LatCrit XIV symposium); and the Op-ed "Don't discourage food trucks," *Orange County Register*. He presented his research on LA's Taco Truck War at LatCrit SNX 2010 Global Politics of Food at the Univ. Ibero-Americana in Mexico City, on Guantánamo and post-colonialism at LatCrit XV, Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chapman Univ. School of Law COTES Faculty Research Workshop, American Society of International Law Annual Meeting, SW/West Junior Faculty Workshop Arizona State University School of Law, Critical Race Studies Annual Symposium, UCLA Law School; moderated panels on post-colonialism and the law at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting and "Cross Border Flows: Drugs, People & Trade," Drug War Madness: Policies, Borders & Corruption: Chapman Law Review Symposium; presented a poster for the AALS Section Minority Groups at the AALS annual meeting; and spoke on "Immigration and the 14th Amendment" at the Chapman University Visiting Scholars Series, Nicholas Academic Center, Santa Ana, CA and "Advice for Late Bloomers" at Pipeline Program: Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

**Berta Esperanza Hernández-Truyol (Florida).** Professor Hernández-Truyol's published a book, *Just Trade: A New Covenant Linking Trade and Human Rights* (NYU Press, 2009).

**Tanya Hernández (Fordham).** National Institute for Latino Policy

Commentary: [www.facebook.com with link to National Institute for Latino Policy](http://www.facebook.com/linktoNationalInstituteforLatinoPolicy). She was selected 2010-2011 Fellow at the Princeton University Program in Law and Public Affairs. She published "Afro-Latin@s and the Latino Workplace," in *The Afro-Latin@ Reader: History and Culture in the United States* 520 (2010 Duke Univ. Press book chapter, Juan Flores & Miriam Jimenez Roman, eds.), and "Latinos at Work: When Color Discrimination Involves More Than Color," in *Shades of Difference: Why Skin Color Matters* 236 (2009 Stanford Univ. Press book chapter, Evelyn Nakano Glenn, ed.).

**Michael Higginbotham (Baltimore).** Professor Higginbotham published an editorial, "A Request From Heaven To The President," *Los Angeles Daily News*, February 1, 2010 ([http://www.dailynews.com/opinions/ci\\_14302617](http://www.dailynews.com/opinions/ci_14302617)); an article, "An Open Letter From Heaven to Barack Obama," 32 *University of Hawai'i Law Review* 1 (Winter 2009-2010); and a casebook, *Race Law: Cases, Commentary, and Questions* (3rd Edition) (August 2010).

**Kevin Johnson (U.C. Davis).** Kevin Johnson continues serving as the Dean at UC Davis School of Law, where one of his biggest achievements this year was convincing Leticia Saucedo to join our faculty. This year, he published articles in the *Georgetown Law Journal*, *Law & Contemporary Problems*, and a number of immigration symposia.

**Stacy L. Leeds (Kansas).** Professor Leeds was appointed Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She



authored a chapter in *Women and the Law Stories* (Schneider and Wildman ed. 2010)(Foundation Press) available late fall semester 2010.

**Nancy Leong (William & Mary).** Professor Leong accepted an entry-level tenure-track teaching position at the William & Mary School of Law, where she is teaching Civil Rights, Criminal Procedure, and Evidence. Within the past year she has published articles in the *American University Law Review*, the *Journal of Legal Education*, and the *Northwestern University Law Review* (forthcoming).

**Hope Lewis (Northeastern).** Hope Lewis was elected to the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) this year. She also served on the society's 2010 annual meeting program committee and chaired a panel on international law responses to the Haitian earthquake. Hope was recently elected to the board of governors of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). Her essay, "Transnational Dimensions of Race in America," appeared in 72 *Albany Law Review* 999 (2009) [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1589711](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1589711). She participated in the roundtable discussion on "Black Women in International Law: Toward an International Law of Black Women: New Theory, New Praxis" at Florida A & M College of Law in March. Hope was a consultant for the pilot episode of the public television series "The World on Trial," which examined the legality of France's 2004 "headscarf" legislation. In October, she co-chaired and co-organized "Beyond National

Security: Immigrant Communities and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights," an advocacy workshop sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy." In September, Hope delivered a talk on the rights of migrant domestic workers, "Transnational Dimensions of Women's Empowerment: Refocusing on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights," at the Italian Cultural Institute in New York during the UN's assessment of the Millennium Development Goals.

**Pedro A. Malavet (Florida).** Professor Malavet was appointed Associate Director of the LL.M. in Comparative Law Program and will become director in May of next year. He was elected to the ALI in 2009 and took over as Director of our Sponsor Membership in the American Society of Comparative Law.

**Solangel Maldonado (Seton Hall).** Professor Maldonado will publish "Illegitimate Harm: Law, Stigma, and Discrimination Against Nonmarital Children," *Florida L. Rev.* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2011).

**Jena Martin Amerson (West Virginia).** Professor Martin Amerson was selected panelist, Using Citizens United as a Tool for Cross-Discipline Teaching of Millennials. S.A.L.T conference on Transformative Teaching, December 10, 2010. She was also selected panelist, Minority groups panel – Responding to the Financial Crisis. AALS annual meeting, January 7, 2011, and Selected panelist, New Voices in

Human Rights Panel, AALS annual meeting, January 7, 2011. For the SALT Conference she created two blogs, Teaching Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - <http://teach21century-ellis.blogspot.com> (with Atiba Ellis), and Thoughts on Citizens United - <http://thoughtsoncitizens.blogspot.com> (with Atiba Ellis).

**Odeana R. Neal (Baltimore).** Professor Neal was elected president of the University of Baltimore Faculty Senate. She has asked that we pray for her.

**Camille A. Nelson (Suffolk).** Dean Nelson was honored to have been named the 12th Dean of Suffolk University Law School effective September 1, 2010. Her article "Racializing Disability, Disabling Race: Policing Race and Mental Status," was recently published in the *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*. My essay, "Love at the Margins: The Racialization of Sex and the Sexualization of Race," is forthcoming in a wonderful anthology by our section members Rose Villazor and Kevin Maillard, *Loving vs. Virginia in a Post-Racial World: Rethinking Race, Sex, and Marriage* (Cambridge University Press).

**Eboni S. Nelson (South Carolina).** Professor Nelson has been granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Her forthcoming articles entitled "From the Schoolhouse to the Poorhouse: The Credit CARD Act's Failure to Adequately Protect Young Consumers" and "Young Consumer Protection in the "Millennial" Age" will appear in the

*Villanova Law Review* and the *Utah Law Review*, respectively.

**Xuan-Thao Nguyen (SMU).** Professor Nguyen recently published the following books: *Licensing Intellectual Property: Law and Applications* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) (Aspen Publishers) (forthcoming); *Licensing Intellectual Property: Law and Applications* (Aspen Publishers) (2008); *Intellectual Property Taxation: Problems and Materials* (Carolina Academic Press); *Intellectual Property Taxation: Problems and Materials* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) (Carolina Academic Press) (forthcoming); 2010 *Annual Supplement to Intellectual Property, Software and Information Licensing: Law and Practice* (BNA); 2010 *Annual Supplement to Taxation of Intellectual Property* (BNA). She published the following articles: "Equity and Efficiency in Intellectual Property Taxation," *Brooklyn Law Rev.* (2010) (co-authored) (forthcoming) (Lead Article); "The China We Hardly Know: Revealing the New China's Intellectual Property Regime," *St. Louis L.J.* (2010-11) (forthcoming) (Lead Article); "Dynamic Federalism and Patent Law Reform," 85 *Indiana L.J.* 449 (2010); "Justice Scalia's Renegade Jurisdiction: Lessons for Patent Law Reform," 83 *Tulane L. Rev.* 111 (2008); "Selling It First, Stealing It Later: The Trouble with Trademarks in Corporate Transactions in Bankruptcy," 44 *Gonzaga L. Rev.* 1 (2008) (Lead Article), cited in *In re Interstate Bakeries Corp.*, 2010 WL 2332142, \*7 n.19 (Bankruptcy W.D.Mo.2010). She also conducted the following presentations: *Apologizing China: Apologies as Remedies in Chinese*

*Intellectual Property Law*, University of Washington School of Law, December 6, 2010; *Viewing Justice Through Trademark Cases*, Third National POC Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School, September 9-11, 2010; *Equity and Efficiency in Intellectual Property Taxation*, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Stanford Law School, August 12-13, 2010; *Scholarship: Strategies for Success*; AALS Workshop for Pre-tenured Minority Law Teachers, June 16-17, 2010; *Commentator, Google v. China: Clash of the Titans*, University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law, March 17, 2010, IP Conference Week; *The New China We Hardly Know*, University of Hawaii, Richardson School of Law, March 16, 2010, IP Conference Week; *The Evolving Development of Intellectual Property Licensing Law*, Southwest University of Politics and Law, Chongqing, China, March 10, 2010; *A Piece of Financial Reform: The New Credit Card Law of 2010*, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics School of Law, Shanghai, China, March 11, 2010.

**Angela Onwuachi-Willig (Iowa).**

Professor Onwuachi-Willig's book project, *According to Our Hearts: Lessons on Race, Family, and Law from Rhinelander v. Rhinelander*, is under contract with Yale University Press. Her book chapter "The Story of *Hudgins v. Wrights*: Multiracialism and the Social Construction of Race," which was originally published in *Race Law Stories* (Rachel F. Moran & Devon W. Carbado eds., Foundation Press 2008), was selected by Professor Randall Kennedy of Harvard Law School to be published

in *Best African American Essay 2010* (Gerald Early & Randall Kennedy eds. 2010). Angela recently published four papers: (1) "Complimentary and Complementary Discrimination in Faculty Hiring," in the *Washington University (St. Louis) Law Review*; (2) "Another Hair Piece: Exploring New Strands of Analysis Under Title VII" in the *Georgetown Law Journal*; (3) "The Declining Significance of Presidential Races?," a co-authored symposium paper (with Professor Osamudia James of the University of Miami School of Law), in *Law and Contemporary Problems*; and (4) "Teaching Employment Discrimination" in *Saint Louis University Law Journal's* annual issue on teaching. Angela has presented her work in numerous forums, including a conference on post-racialism for the *Georgetown Law Journal*, a conference regarding anti-affirmative action ballot initiatives at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, a conference in honor of John Hope Franklin at Duke University School of Law, and faculty workshop at the University of California-Irvine School of Law, the University of Michigan Law School, the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and the University of Western Ontario School of Law. She has joined Professors Joan Williams and Osagie Obasogie's Working Group on Critical Race Theory and Social Science Methods. Angela is serving on the AALS Mid-Year Conference for June of 2011: Women Rethinking Equality. She also served on the Planning Committee for the Third National People of Color Conference). Starting in January, she will chair the AALS Committee for the

Recruitment and Retention of Minorities, starting in January of 2011.

**Maria Pabon Lopez (IU-Indianapolis).** Professor Pabon Lopez was a Resident Professor, Chinese Summer Law Program, Indiana University School of Law – Renmin University Law School, May – June 2010. Her book *Persistent Inequality: Contemporary Realities in the Education of Latino/a Undocumented Children* was published by Routledge: Taylor and Francis Group in late 2009 as part of the Critical Educator series edited by Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic. She has published two articles: “Immigration Law Spanish- Style II: A Study of Spain’s Voluntary Immigrant Return Plan and Circular Migration,” 24 *Temple Int’l. & Comp. L. J.* \_\_\_ (forthcoming) (with Roxana Davis) and “Flatlining: How the Reluctance to Embrace Immigrant Nurses is Mortally Wounding the U.S. Healthcare System,” 12 *J. Health Care L. & Pol’y* 235 (2009) (with Diomedes J. Tsitouras).

**Ngai Pindell (UNLV).** Professor Pindell published: “Home Sweet Home? The Efficacy of Rental Restrictions to Promote Neighborhood Stability,” 29 *St. Louis U. Pub. L. Rev.* 41 (2009); and “The Fair Housing Act at Forty: Predatory Lending and the City as Plaintiff,” 18 *J. Affordable Housing & Community Dev. L.* 169 (2009).

**Ediberto Román (FIU).** his past year I was named the series editor for NYU Press's new series Citizenship and Migration in the Americas. In addition, I along with some fantastic scholars you may know created the

blog Nuestras Voces Latinas. His book, *Citizenship and Its Exclusions* was released by NYU Press this summer. He also contracted with NYU to publish his next book "Those damn Immigrants." Finally, he contracted with Carolina Press to publish "Understanding Immigration."

**Sean B. Seymore (Vanderbilt).** Professor Seymore published three articles: “Atypical Inventions,” 86 *Notre Dame Law Review* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2011); “Rethinking Novelty in Patent Law,” 60 *Duke Law Journal* \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2011); and “The Teaching Function of Patents,” 85 *Notre Dame Law Review* 621 (2010).

**Phyllis C. Smith (Florida A&M).** Professor SAmitgh published, *The Estate and Gift Tax Implications of Self-Settled Domestic Asset Protection Trusts: Can You Really Have Your Cake and Eat It Too:* 44 *New England L. REV.* 25 (2009) and was selected to present her article at the AALS, Trusts and Estates Section, Annual Conference in New Orleans. In addition, she was selected to serve as a rapporteur for the International Law Conference, Towards an International Law of Black Women: New Theory New Praxis, at Florida A&M University, March 2010). She was also selected to serve as a panelist and moderator for the *Tax Policy in a “Post-Racial” Era* panel at Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law (September 2010) where she presented her paper entitled *Change Isn’t Always a Good Thing: Re-Visiting the Estate Tax and Charitable Contribution Deduction.*



**Iyiola Solanke (Leeds, U.K.).** Professor Solanke joined the Law School at Leeds University as a Senior Lecturer. She has also been a Visiting Professor at Wake Forest Law School teaching a condensed course on EU Law.

**Yvonne A. Tamayo (Wilamette).** Professor Tamayo was recently named Legal Counsel for Willamette University

**Elizabeth Trujillo (Suffolk).** Professor Trujillo was the first Latina to be tenured at Suffolk. She had the privilege of participating on some interesting panels including a panel at the Annual Meeting of American Society of International Law, entitled "Implications of the Global Financial Crisis on International Trade and Investment Regimes." She was a U.S. National Reporter for the 18th Congress Of The International Academy Of The International Academy Of Comparative Law, in which I published with Professor Jacque DeLisle (at UPenn), "Consumer Protection in International Relations" in the *American Journal of Comparative Law*. She is completing a Chapter on Article VII GATT in the Max Planck Commentaries on World Trade Law. In October 2010 she presented at International Law Weekend in NYC as well as at LATCRIT (I am a member of the organizing committee for the LATCRIT-SALT Faculty Development Workshop) and participated at the University of Minnesota in the ASIL-International Economic Law Interest Group Biennial conference in November. She is the incoming co-Vice Chair of the ASIL International Economic Law Interest

Group (IEcLIG). You may access papers by Elizabeth Trujillo on Social Science Research Network (SSRN), [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf\\_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per\\_id=495699](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=495699).

**Gloria Valencia-Weber (New Mexico).** President Obama nominated and the Senate conformed Professor Valencia-Weber to the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation. As a member of the bipartisan 11-member board, Valencia-Weber regularly visits legal services offices across the country, to hear about their needs and see different models being used for providing legal services.

**Jessica Dixon Weaver (S.M.U.).** Professor Weaver's article, "The Principle of Subsidiarity Applied: Reforming the Legal Framework to Capture the Psychological Abuse of Children," was accepted for publication by the *Virginia Journal of Social Policy and the Law*. An earlier version of this article, "Capturing the Psychological Abuse of Children," was selected for presentation at Martha Fineman's Feminist Legal Theory Workshop in March 2010 at Emory University.

**Adrien Wing (Iowa).** Adrien Wing became the new director of the London Law Consortium for each spring semester. She continues to run Iowa's summer program in Arcachon, France. She also took the students to Egypt, Israel, and Palestine. She finished her term as Chair of the AALS Membership Review Committee. She was elected to ALI. She inspected Columbia Law School for the ABA/AALS during fall



2010. She has been a guest blogger for SALT. Her recent publications include: "International Law, Secularism and the Islamic World," 24 *American U. Int'l L. Rev.* 407 (2009); "An Agenda for the Obama Administration on Gender Equality: Lessons from Abroad," 107 *Mich L. Rev. First Impressions* 124 (2009); "Gaza, Gender, and the Age of Obama," 36 *Rutgers Law Record* 150 (2009); "Founding Mothers for a Palestinian Constitution," in *Constituting Equality* 290 (Susan H. Williams ed., Cambridge Press 2009); "African Women in the Twenty-first Century," in *Power, Gender, and Social Change* x (Muna Ndulo & Margaret Grieco eds., Cambridge Press 2009); "One L Redux," 78 *U. Missouri-Kansas City. L. Rev.* 1119 (2010); "Conceptualizing Global Substantive Justice in the Age Of Obama," 13 *J. Gender, Race & Just.* 705 (2010).

**Jennifer Wriggins (Maine).** Professor Wriggins published a book written with Martha Chamallas, *The Measure of Injury: Race, Gender, and Tort Law* (NYU Press 2010)(here is a link to the book: <http://www.amazon.com/Measure-Injury-Race-Gender-Tort/dp/0814716768>), and in April was a guest blogger on the tortsprof's blog: <http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/tortspof/2010/04/guest-blogger-jennifer-wriggins-.html>

**Ruqaiyah Yearby (Buffalo).** Professor Yearby has published the following: "Racial Inequities in Mortality and Access to Health Care: The Untold Peril of Rationing Health Care In the United States," 31 *J. Leg. Med.* \_ (2011); "African Americans

Can't Win, Break Even, or Get Out of the System: The Persistence of Racial Disparities in Health Care in "Post-Racial" America," 83 *Temple L. Rev.* \_ (2010); "Litigation, Integration, and Transformation: Using Medicaid to Address Racial Inequities in Health Care," 13 *J. Health Care L. & Pol'y* 325-391 (2010); and "Does Twenty-Five Years Make a Difference in 'Unequal Treatment'? The Persistence of Racial Disparities in Health Care Then and Now," 19 *Annals of Health L.* 57-61 (2010).



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