



# CASE NOTES

## Creativity, visibility drive vision for center

Professor and author **Margaret Chon**—a Dean’s Distinguished Scholar in the School of Law—was appointed director of the Center for the Study of



Justice in Society for a two-year term, beginning with the 2006-07 academic year. Chon is the successor to Associate Professor Nalini Iyer, who will complete her term as director in June.

Professor Chon, who’s been an advisory board member at the center for the past five years, is actively involved in many of the center’s initiatives: from serving as director of a reading group on critical race theory to assisting in the planning of conferences including “(re) Examining Race and Gender.” Currently, she serves as director for the Justice Faculty Fellows Program, leading a faculty seminar on the topic of reparations. Chon is also the author of more than 20 law review articles and co-author of the book *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*.

As director, Chon said she will look for new and creative ways to promote the center’s role within the university community, while promoting scholarship that relates to pressing social issues.

### Woman of the Year Award

## Law School recognizes three outstanding women



**Woman of the Year keynote speaker, Gloria Steinem, signed autographs for the audience.**

The School of Law honored three women whose contributions to the community are many and who serve as an inspiration to others. Ardith Gray DeRaad, Bonnie Glenn and Assunta Ng were named “Women of the Year” at the Sixth Annual Women of the Year event, March 9 at the law school.

Gloria Steinem, founder of *Ms. Magazine* and an icon of the feminist movement, gave the keynote address at the fete—sponsored by the law school’s Women’s Law Caucus—that recognizes the passion and unwavering dedication of local women who

are selfless in their endeavors to make a difference.

The 2006 Women of the Year are **Ardith Gray DeRaad**, founder and president of the Alliance Against Domestic Violence; **Bonnie Glen**, first African-American woman to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff for the King County Prosecutor’s Office and **Assunta Ng**, founder of the *Seattle Chinese Post* and *Northwest Asian*



**Ardith Gray DeRaad (left) is the founder and president of the Alliance Against Domestic Violence.**



**Assunta Ng is the first Chinese female Ro-tarian in the world, and the first person of color to receive the Society of Professional Journalists’ distinguished service award.**



**Bonnie Glenn (left, accepting the award with her mother) is the first African American woman to serve as deputy chief of staff for the King County Prosecutor’s Office.**

## Around Sullivan Hall

### School of Law Fulbright Scholar

School of Law Associate Professor **Carmen Gonzalez** was recently named a Fulbright Scholar to teach international environmental law in China. Professor Gonzalez was selected to teach in China through the joint masters program sponsored by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the University of Nanjing. This is the second Fulbright for Gonzalez. In 1998, she was a Fulbright at the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she taught at the university's interdisciplinary environmental institute.

### BBC-London interviews law professor for Lenny Bruce tribute

Law School professor **David Skover** was recently interviewed by the BBC-London for a one-hour program, tentatively titled "Lenny Bruce Is Dead," that focuses on Bruce's comedic and First Amendment legacies. The program is scheduled to be broadcast in early August in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of Bruce's death.

### Legal Writing Program

For the second consecutive year, the School of Law's legal writing program is the top program in the nation according to the annual rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. Known for innovative, practice-oriented legal writing curriculum and use of cutting-edge teaching technology, the legal writing program is a model for law schools throughout the country. Associate Director **Anne Enquist** was recently re-elected to the national Board of Directors of the 1,600 member Legal Writing Institute which Seattle University founded as a resource in program development for legal writing programs around the world.

### Professor McGee elected to board of the Low-Income Housing Institute

**Henry McGee**, professor at the School of Law, recently presented his study that illustrates the expulsion of African Americans from Seattle's Central District, and the decline in African American business owners due to high rents and lack of affordable housing, to the Seattle City Council Housing Committee. Professor McGee was elected to the board of the Low-Income Housing Institute (LIHI), among Seattle's most successful developers of affordable as well as special-needs housing, late last year.

### New Book on Corporate Accountability and Legal Responsibility

**Dana Gould**, director of the Center on Corporations, Law and Society at the law school, contributed the chapter "Whistleblowers: The Critical Link in Corporate Accountability," to the recently published *Research Handbook on Corporate Legal Responsibility*.

### Professor Presents on Human Rights

School of Law Clinical Professor **Raven Lidman** was a panelist at the University of Pennsylvania's 23rd Annual Edward V. Sparer Symposium on Civil Gideon--It's a Human Right: International and Comparative Law Perspectives." Lidman also spoke on the topic--with a focus on pro-bono assistance of law students and private attorneys on international and comparative law issues--as a panelist at a justice conference in Philadelphia.

### Access to Justice Institute

Free legal advice will be available to residents of Seattle's SoDo neighborhood and surrounding areas at a new Community Justice Center located at Starbucks headquarters, created in partnership with the Access to Justice Institute. Attorneys and staff from Starbucks Law & Corporate Affairs department will support the centers on their own time at twice-monthly sessions started in April, which were designed in cooperation with the Access to Justice Institute.

The new SoDo center at Starbucks headquarters will make important services available to more people, complementing the existing Community Justice Centers in Seattle's Central District and International District. The purpose of the Community Justice Centers is to facilitate access to legal services by offering free topic-based legal education and advice to low-income and under-served community members. At the other centers, pro bono attorneys are recruited from law firms, law offices and law school faculty. These attorneys are assisted by SU law students.

Since its founding in 1999, the Access to Justice Institute's goal has been to provide quality volunteer experiences for law students while fulfilling unmet legal needs in King County.

### SU alum announced as new NAACP branch president



**Sheley Secret '03**, a Seattle public defender, is the new president of the Seattle King County branch of the NAACP. She replaces Alfoster Garrett Jr., another lawyer, who

resigned in November. Secret is a law clerk with U.S. District Judge Frank Burgess and she has been an executive board member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People where she voluntarily investigates complaints about law enforcement.

Secret has also served on the Minority Executive Directors' Coalition's racial profiling task force and worked on the Racial Disparity Project of The Defender Association.

In her tenure as President, Secret places increased police accountability at the top of her list of goals. Other issues Secret hopes to address are the "heavier hand" placed on black students in disciplinary matters and in special-education referrals and the gentrification of neighborhoods that traditionally housed racial minorities.

### Tierney named President of Washington Women Lawyers



In early May of 2006, **Joan Tierney**, associate director of career services at Seattle University School of Law was announced as the new President-Elect of Wash-

ington Women Lawyers. Joan will take over as President of Washington Women Lawyers on October 1, 2006. Joan was one of the Co-Chairs of the Washington State Bar Association's Third Annual Celebrate Diversity Conference, "The Many Hands of Diversity," and has recently been recognized by the King County Bar Association as their Volunteer of the Month due to her wonderful bar and pro bono activities. Joan has also most recently served on WWL's executive committee as one of the vice presidents for annual events.

## School of Law and College of Arts and Sciences offer new joint degree option

In an exciting mission-specific opportunity to pursue the goal of preparing students for positions of responsibility and trust in the public service, the Seattle University School of Law and the College of Arts and Sciences have established a program enabling students to complete the degree requirements for both the Juris Doctorate and the Masters in Public Administration in approximately four years.

While students must complete the requirements of each degree program to receive each of the degrees, the Seattle University

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The joint degree program is available to full and part-time students, however, the length of time required for completion of

the joint degree program will be longer if the student is part-time. The minimum amount of time required to complete the program is four years.

Joint degree programs are relatively common at the graduate level and the JD/MPA is the newest joint degree offered by the School of Law which also offers joint Juris Doctorate and Masters degrees options in conjunction with the Albers School of Business and Economics.

The Seattle University JD/MPA Joint Degree Program allows students to choose whether their first year is spent in the Institute of Public Service (IPS) or the School of Law. The second year is spent in the other program. The remaining years are mixed in that students may choose courses in both the IPS and law school.

To pursue this option, students are required to be admitted separately to both the School of Law and the Institute for Public Service. Students may be admitted to both schools before starting the joint program; alternatively, students may seek admission to the other school during their first year of law or public administration.

Students interested in pursuing the JD/MPA option should be in contact with Associate Dean Donna Deming of the School of Law at [dcdeming@seattleu.edu](mailto:dcdeming@seattleu.edu). Further information on requirements for the joint degree program can also be found in the Seattle University Graduate Bulletin of Information.

## PILF 2006 grant recipients announced

The **Public Interest Law Foundation** is a law student organization and independent 501(c)(3) non-profit committed to increasing awareness of students, faculty, alumni, and administrators to the rewards, challenges, opportunities, and needs in public interest law. PILF recognizes the responsibility that members of the legal profession have in working to serve severely underrepresented legal needs. Each year, PILF works to raise money to fund opportunities for students who choose to work in areas of public interest law that have traditionally been non-profit and drastically under funded. We would like to particularly thank Dean Testy, who generously supplemented the money raised by PILF this year. Because of the additional amount of money provided by the Dean, we are able to fund 25 students this summer, the most number of students ever funded by PILF.

### The 2006 grant recipients are:

**Elizabeth Alexander**  
Seattle Community Law Center

**Charity Anastasio**  
SeniorLaw (Philadelphia)

**Adam Ballout**  
Squamish Tribe

**Nate Bernstein**  
Columbia Legal Services

**Forrest Carlson**  
Universidad CentroAmericana

**Twylla Carter**  
ACLU Drug Law Reform Project  
(CA)

**Vicky Daniels**  
Unemployment Law Project  
(Seattle)

**Miriam D’Jaen**  
Mexican Capital Legal  
Assistance Project

**Kevin Du**  
TeamChild

**Elizabeth Greene**  
Columbia Legal Services  
– Institutions Project

**Omid Khalilnaji**  
Habeas Corpus Resource  
Center (CA)

**Maureen Kyin**  
Unemployment Law Project  
(Spokane)

**Jessica Levin**  
Government Accountability Project

**Lauren McLane**  
Fremont Public Association

**Tiffany Mecca**  
Planned Parenthood of Washington

**Matt Mead**  
Trustees for Alaska

**Ankita Patel**  
Northwest Justice Project (Tacoma)

**Sonia Sandoval**  
California Women’s Law Center

**Susannah Sharp**  
Uplift International (Seattle)

**Stephanie Stauffer**  
Northwest Justice Project

**Jennifer Symms**  
Washington Protection & Advocacy  
Systems

**Katherine Taylor**  
Washington Protection & Advocacy  
Systems

**Matt Van Winkel**  
Fremont Public Association

**Brian Wendt**  
Northwest Justice Project  
(Vancouver, WA)

**Danielle Yung**  
Alaska Public Defender

## Important Notes From Admission

### ■ In the mail

Prospective students can expect to receive materials from the Seattle University School of Law throughout the spring and summer, according to the schedule detailed below.

**Early June:** Registration forms for both the Alternative Admission and all other summer-entry students (those in both the full- and part-time programs) are due at the Law School.

**Early July:** All 1Ls will receive a mailing in which they are assigned to first-year sections, given notice of class schedules, and brought up-to-speed on other information regarding fall enrollment.

**Mid July:** Registration packets for fall term will be distributed to all members of the 2006 Entering Class. For fall entering students, the second deposit of \$150 is due.

**Early August:** Fall term registration forms for all 1Ls are due at the Law School.

### ■ Official Transcripts a Must

Students enrolling at Seattle University for law studies are reminded that the Law School must have on file for each student an official, final undergraduate transcript, showing the award of a Bachelor's Degree. The copy included with the LSDAS report does not meet this requirement.

If you have not already done so, please arrange to have your official transcript mailed to the Office of Admission at the address shown on the address panel below.

### ■ Tuition deposit dates tightened

As we near the end of our 2006 admission cycle, it is critical that each admitted student adheres strictly to the deadline date for submitting his/her advance tuition deposit. The deposit, which guarantees a place in the 2006 Entering Class, must be received by the date noted on each letter of admission. Because there remain a large number of students anxious to secure a class seat, we will automatically withdraw our offer of admission to those who fail to meet the deposit deadline without prior arrangements for an extension.

## Dates of Interest

### ■ June 12

#### Alternative Admission start date

Participants in this program begin classes Monday, June 12, at 9 a.m. Look for details in the summer registrations packets, that were distributed in May.

### ■ June 15

#### Summer Orientation

Details regarding the summer orientation schedule were included in the summer registration packets distributed at Spring Visit Day or mailed in mid-May to those who did not attend.

### ■ June 19

#### Summer Criminal Law start date

Students opting to begin classes in the summer begin Monday, June 19.

### ■ August 17

#### Fall term start date

Enter the Class of 2009!

## Questions? Give Us a Call!

If you have questions about any aspect of the Law School—from first-year schedules to library hours to graduate placement rates—don't hesitate to contact us directly at the phone numbers listed below. **Our area code is 206 and our prefix is 398.**

Academic Resource Center .....	4076	Financial Aid .....	4250
Admission .....	4200	Library .....	4220
Associate Dean Deming .....	4307	Registrar .....	4150
Career Services .....	4100	Student Activities .....	4339
FAX .....	4058		

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Visit our web: <http://www.law.seattleu.edu>

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