



CASE NOTES

Around Sullivan Hall

"American Justice from Immigrants' Eyes" Exhibit

The library is currently hosting a traveling exhibit of photographs called "American Justice from Immigrants' Eyes." This thought-provoking exhibit displays black and white photographs that photojournalist Steven Rubin took inside Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities. Steven Rubin comments, "These photographs, part of an ongoing documentary project, offer a rare view inside the agency, revealing part of its secret world." This exhibit is located at the library's 2nd floor entrance and is on loan through mid-February.

For fifth year straight, Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship awarded to Seattle University law student

Meghan Collins 2L, received the Goldmark Equal Access to Justice Internship to work for the Pierce County Bar Association Volunteer Legal Services in summer 2007. This is the fifth year in a row a Seattle University law student won the Goldmark Internship. Previous Goldmark Interns were **Erin Glass 3L**, **Ernest Radillo 3L**, **Michelle Raiford '05**, who works for the Northwest Justice Project, and **Rogina Beckwith '04**, who is in-house counsel for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat

The 9th Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat, "Justice

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Academic Resource Center receives \$1.06 million anonymous gift

As a testament to the great work of the Seattle University Academic Resource Center, a gift of over one million dollars was donated to continue the award winning work of the Center. \$1,000,000 of the award will be designated toward the endowment that funds scholarships for the "ARC Scholars" program—at present around 12 students per class out of approximately 30 admitted each year through our alternative admission program. \$60,000 of the award is slated for current use within the Academic Resource Center.

In 2006, the Washington State Bar Association awarded the Excellence in Diversity to Professors David Boerner and Paula Lustbader and to Seattle University School of Law's Alternative Admission Program and Academic Resource Center. This award is given to a lawyer, law firm or law-related group that has made a significant contribution to diversity in the legal profession's employment of ethnic minorities, women and persons with disabilities.

The only law school program of its kind in the state of Washington, the Alternative Admission Program allows a number of promising students who don't meet traditional admission requirements to be admitted to the law school. They attend an intensive seven-week summer program that integrates a traditional Criminal Law course with legal writing and study skills.

Students admitted through the alternative program are supported throughout law school by the Academic Resource Center. ARC's primary purpose is to help diverse and non-traditional students adjust, succeed and excel in law school. It also contributes to a more diverse legal profession. In the fall, ARC students have access to resources to keep them on track. The center also helps non-ARC law students referred by professors for support.

"This program is helping create a more diverse legal field, and I couldn't be prouder of the work done by Professors Boerner and Lustbader to ensure that these bright and talented students become ethical lawyers working in the service of justice," Dean Kellye Testy said.

Statistics show the program is meeting its purpose of helping diverse students excel. In fact, two ARC students were faculty scholars, one graduated number one in his class, and several ended up in the top 20 percent of their class. In addition, ARC students have made significant contributions to the law school community by serving on student committees and participating in student government.

And they have gone on to great success after graduation.

"Our 550 alums are doing amazing things, and they are people who would not have been admitted into law school without this program," said Lustbader, director of the Academic Resource Center. Among them are a county prosecutor, a Superior Court judge, federal court clerks and lawyers working in both the public and private sectors. "Professor Boerner and I have always felt privileged to work with our students," Lustbader said. "This award speaks highly of the value and contribution our ARC alums are making in our profession. We just provided them the opportunity; they did the hard work, so we share this honor with them all."

This donation was made by the same generous anonymous donor who has now built one of the top endowments in the nation of \$5 million for an academic support program. The gift of funds for current use and endowment funding will further Seattle University's commitment to enrolling and educating a diverse class of law students.

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Across Borders" will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10 at Seattle University School of Law. The Trina Grillo Law Retreat provides a unique opportunity for public interest and social justice-oriented law students, faculty and practitioners to exchange viewpoints, explore career opportunities and formulate strategies for social justice. This year's retreat will focus on public interest lawyering that crosses international boundaries, with special emphasis on the challenges and satisfaction of representing clients who are not U.S. citizens.

Professors Anne Enquist, Laurel Oates and Mimi Samuel travel to India

Associate Director of Legal Writing and Co-Director of Faculty Development **Anne Enquist**, Director of Legal Writing **Laurel Oates** and Legal Writing Professor **Mimi Samuel** were in India for two weeks, making contacts with the Indian legal community. During that time they presented seminars on effective legal writing at law schools in Delhi and Mumbai and they met with representatives from Legal Process Outsourcing firms; an Indian legal publishing company; and attorneys and judges. A recap of their travels as they happened is available online via their blog at <http://batinmybanda.blogspot.com/>

Admitted students and applicants have questions. We have answers!

The letter finally arrived in the mail and the news was great—you've been admitted! Now what? You're admission letter is actually the first in a long line of communications you will receive that we hope will help make your decision on where to attend easier. In the meantime, keep in mind these great resources for learning more about the Seattle University School of Law.

From January through the end of April, our student ambassadors make calls to admitted students to answer questions you may have about the school from a student's perspective. If you miss the call, the welcome packet you receive two weeks after you're admission letter has brochures on the ambassador programs with password and username information for the online databases. With this information, you can go online and search by geographic area, undergraduate school and area of interest for an ambassador with interests similar to your own to correspond with.

In February, March and April, admitted students are invited to join Admission and Student Financial Services staff at Friday afternoon informal Admitted Student Open Houses. Lunch and tours of the school are provided as well as opportunities to chat with students and alumni. Look for your invitation to these sessions via email.

This year, May 14 is Spring Visit Day. This day is a popular event which attracts admitted students from around the country, features mock classes, a faculty forum and plenty of workshops on everything from effective study techniques to mastering the financial aid maze. Watch your mail for your official invitation.

If you have not been admitted yet, and would like to check on the status of your application, you can do so online at www.law.seattleu.edu by clicking on the "Admission" tab. From the pop up menu, select "Application Process" and scroll down to the bottom of the page where the File Status Check is located. We update the database daily. If we show missing information you are certain has been sent, please keep in mind there is a mail lag in the process and your materials may be in the office, but not yet processed into the system.

Whether you are an admitted student or a hopeful applicant, remember that we are here to answer your questions so please don't hesitate to be in touch with the Office of Admission at 206-398-4200 or via email at lawadmis@seattleu.edu.

Study Abroad initiatives expand with Global Justice Advocacy Program in South Africa

The Seattle University School of Law will offer a four-week Global Justice Advocacy intensive course of study in partnership with The Mandela Institute of the Law School of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in South Africa.

The program provides an introduction to global human rights advocacy from an African perspective and is limited to twenty-five students from the United States, and twenty-five graduate level law students from South Africa. The program will run from June 25 through July 20, 2007.

Four required courses—International Humanitarian Law and Use of Force: An African Perspective, Accountability for

Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity in Africa, South African Constitutional Law, and Global Justice Advocacy—will be offered for a total of six credits. The courses are designed to allow South African and U.S. students to work collaboratively on global advocacy skills. Courses will be supplemented with lectures by prominent South African and African lawyers and human rights advocates, and by field trips to such institutions as the Apartheid Museum and the Constitutional Court.

For further information on the Global Justice Advocacy program, please contact Program Director Ronald Slye at Seattle University School of Law by phone at (206) 398-4045 or via email at slye@seattleu.edu.



Professor Ron Slye views the descriptions of some of the people incarcerated in Section Four, the notorious jail at The Fort in Johannesburg, where both Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela were jailed.

Hot tip: enroll early!

Seattle University School of Law has always provided the opportunity for students to begin their studies in the summer, three months earlier than the traditional fall start time. This popular option has so many advantages that more than half of our entering students now arrive for classes in June. For those who want to consider it, here are the most commonly asked questions about our summer program:

What are the advantages of taking Criminal Law this summer?

By taking Criminal Law in the summer, students adjust to the legal learning environment more easily. They reduce their fall term class load from 6 classes to 5—which also means one less final exam come December. Students often use the summer class to develop study and exam-taking skills that will serve them throughout their first year. In addition, they enjoy a “leg up” on the housing and/or job markets and still have time to enjoy the pleasures of summer in the Northwest.

Do I get credit for the course?

Of course! You will receive 4 credits for Criminal Law whether you take it during the summer or fall. But if you choose summer, your fall course load will be 12 credits instead of 16.

When is Criminal Law offered?

The Law School offers three sections of summer Criminal Law, all of which meet Monday through Thursday, beginning June 18. The afternoon sections meet from 3–5 p.m. or 4–6 p.m. and the evening section is from 6–8 p.m.

Is financial aid available for the summer?

Yes. Taking Criminal Law in the summer will not change the total amount of the financial aid you receive, but we can revise your package so that some of the aid will be available to you for the summer term. You will need to budget accordingly for the remainder of the year.

Will it cost extra money to start law school in the summer?

No. Tuition for the year is based on 30 credits. You will pay for Criminal Law (4 credits) in June. Your fall tuition will be reduced accordingly. *Tuition and fees for the 2007–2008 academic year will be set in March.*

What if I need to work this summer?

That should be no problem. First year students choose which section they would prefer when they log on to complete their registration. Those who plan to work full-time usually enroll in the evening section.

Is there a limit to enrollment in either of the sections?

No. Those who have been admitted into the full-time program generally divide themselves fairly evenly between the three sections. Most, if not all, of those admitted to our part-time program choose the evening section. We can generally accommodate your choice as long as you register before the summer registration deadline.

When do I need to tell you if I want to enroll this summer?

It's best if you let us know as soon as possible. You can clearly mark *full-time summer entry* or *part-time summer entry* on your application to let us know at the time you apply. If you have already submitted your application you want to notify us of your plans no later than June 1 to assure your space in the class, make needed changes in your financial aid and ensure your receipt of the summer registration packet.

Will there be an orientation prior to the class?

Yes. Orientation information will be sent with confirmation of your deposit into the class and can also be picked up at the Spring Visit Day. While it is optional, most students find the orientation extremely helpful in preparing them for a successful first year.

SAVE THE DATE!

May 14

Spring Visit Day

June 18

Summer Criminal Law Start Date

August 23

Orientation and start of the fall term for the Class of 2010!

Questions? Give us a call!

If you are interested in learning more about the Seattle University School of Law and its programs and services, visit www.law.seattleu.edu. Application materials for the Fall 2007 entering class are also available at this site. We invite you to call or email us with your questions and concerns. All Area Codes are 206.

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School of Law names first two Scholars for Justice

The first ever two Scholars for Justice at Seattle University School of Law are committed to working for the good of the community, especially when it comes to helping women, children and families.

Amy Pritchard and **Persis Yu** were selected from an outstanding crop of applicants committed to public interest law, service, leadership, academic excellence and community awareness for the prestigious three-year, full-tuition Scholars for Justice Awards.

Pritchard graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in comparative history of ideas. She has worked full-time in community health, doing outreach to and developing population-based programs for underserved communities. "It will give me an opportunity to commit to public service after graduation, rather than worrying about paying for school," Pritchard said about the Scholars for Justice award.

Persis Yu was a social worker for the past few years while earning her master's

degree in social work from the University of Washington. She worked with Rep. Eric Pettigrew, helping to create legislation on children's issues including child care, foster care and Children and Family Services. Yu is active in the Asian Pacific Islander and the LGBT communities, including helping to write "brown papers" for the Minority Executive Directors Coalition.

Both scholars are looking forward to the social justice opportunities presented by the Seattle University School of Law such as the Journal for Social Justice, the Access to Justice Institute, and the Public Interest Law Foundation.

"This award will help the School of Law address the need to have well-trained, ethical lawyers working for the less fortunate and on behalf of the community," Dean Kellye Testy said.

The scholarship allows two of the most promising students who have proven their dedication to this important but traditionally lower-paying field of law to earn their



Amy Pritchard (left) with Persis Yu

degrees without incurring the debt that is often an obstacle to choosing such a career. Scholars will make a moral commitment to devote much of their careers to public interest law or to donate to the law school's scholarship fund an amount at least equal to the scholarship should their career ambitions change.

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