

BOYD *Briefs* provides monthly information regarding the scholarly and other activities of the faculty of the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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PROFESSOR CHRIS BLAKESLEY. On December 19, Professor Blakesley was quoted by reporter Jeff German in a *Las Vegas Review-Journal* article entitled, “FBI Says Las Vegas Suspect Bragged about Shooting Children.”

PROFESSOR LINDA EDWARDS. On December 7, Professor Edwards spoke about concepts from her new book, *Readings in Persuasion: Briefs That Changed the World*, at a ‘Perspectives on Advocacy’ conference held at the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Part of the conference focused on the book and also on Professor Edwards’s article, “Once Upon a Time in Law: Myth, Metaphor, and Authority.”

PROFESSOR RUBEN GARCIA. On December 3, Professor Garcia was featured on the ‘Live and Local with Kevin Wall Show’ in a radio story entitled, “Locals, The Strip, and The Gripe Line.” Professor Garcia addressed Michigan Governor Richard Snyder’s decision to make Michigan a ‘right to work’ state.

PROFESSOR LORI JOHNSON. Professor Johnson continues to serve as Contributing Editor of the Legal Writing Prof Blog, which was recently named to the ‘*ABA Journal* Blawg 100,’ a list of the top 100 law blogs. According to the *ABA Journal*, “The law professors who edit this blog offer the latest news from academia, whether it’s a study about word usage, a YouTube video about case citations or a professorial job opening. The blog is updated almost daily and pulls from contributors with universities and law schools around the country. It’s an excellent aggregator of legal writing news.”

PROFESSOR MICHAEL KAGAN. Professor Kagan’s article, “The U.S. ‘Surrogate State’ and the Foundation of Refugee Policy in the Middle East,” was recently published in the *UC Davis Journal of International Law and Policy*. In addition, Professor Kagan’s 2006 article, “The Beleaguered Gatekeeper: Protection Challenges Posed by UNHCR Refugee Status Determination,” was recently identified as the most cited article in the history of the *International Journal of Refugee Law*. Finally, Professor Kagan was named a Bellow Scholar by the Clinical Section’s Lawyering in the Public Interest Bellow Scholar Committee. Bellow Scholarships are awarded to clinicians whose projects promise to improve justice for underserved communities.

PROFESSOR SYLVIA LAZOS. On December 15, Professor Lazos was quoted by education reporter Paul Takahashi in a *Las Vegas Sun* article entitled, “Council Puts Finishing Touches on Revamped Teacher Evaluation System.”

PROFESSOR FRANCINE LIPMAN. On December 5 through 8, Professor Lipman attended the National Farmworkers Law Conference in Chicago, Illinois. At the conference, Professor Lipman gave a talk entitled, “Taxing Migrant Farmworkers.” Professor Lipman also was featured on the front page in the ‘Member Spotlight’ column of the December 2012 issue of the ABA Taxation Section Member Newsletter.

PROFESSOR TOM MCAFFEE. On December 16, Professor McAfee published an Op-Ed in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* entitled, “Right to ‘Vote with their Feet’ Odious.”

PROFESSOR THOMAS MAIN. On December 17, Professor Main gave a talk on an early draft of his paper, “The Fourth Era of American Civil Procedure,” at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts.

PROFESSOR ELIZABETH MACDOWELL. On December 11, Professor MacDowell presented her work in progress, “From Victims to Litigants: Legal Consciousness, Court Fragmentation, and the Politics of Self-Help,” as part of a panel on Lawyering, Ethics, and Access to Justice at the conference on Law and Access to Justice held in Durbin, South Africa. The conference was hosted by the University of Kwa Zulu-Natal Faculty of Law and honors South African human rights advocate, teacher, and scholar, Professor David McQuoid Mason. Also in December, Professor MacDowell was named a Bellow Scholar by the Clinical Section’s Lawyering in the Public Interest Bellow Scholar Committee. Bellow Scholarships are awarded to clinicians whose projects promise to improve justice for underserved communities.

PROFESSOR FATMA MAROUF. Professor Marouf was named a Bellow Scholar by the Clinical Section’s Lawyering in the Public Interest Bellow Scholar Committee. Bellow Scholarships are awarded to clinicians whose projects promise to improve justice for underserved communities.

PROFESSOR REBECCA NATHANSON. On December 25, Professor Nathanson and the Kids’ Court School that she founded and directs were featured in a *Las Vegas Sun* article entitled, “UNLV Program Acquaints Potential Young Witnesses with Courtroom Practices, Earns ‘Bright Ideas’ Award.”

PROFESSOR TERRY POLLMAN. On December 8, Professor Pollman attended the Legal Writing Institute's One Day Workshop ("Producing Practice-Ready Writers for Today's Legal Market") at Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon. At the workshop, Professor Pollman gave a talk, "Cognitive Science and Examples," as part of a panel that focused on the future of legal writing instruction, including curriculum trends and other skills training.

INTERIM DEAN AND PROFESSOR NANCY RAPOPORT. Dean Rapoport submitted an article that serves as a comment to the American Bar Association Task Force on the Future of Legal Education. Entitled, "Rethinking U.S. Legal Education: No More 'Same Old, Same Old,'" Dean Rapoport's article argues that law schools should take a good, hard look at creating deliberate building blocks of skill sets. The article is forthcoming in a symposium issue ("Are Law Schools Passing the Bar: Examining the Demands and Limitations of the Legal Education Market") of the *Connecticut Law Review*. On December 9, Dean Rapoport was quoted by senior reporter Mike Tolson in a *Houston Chronicle* article entitled, "Houston Law Firm's Stature Spans Globe: Houston Outfit Loses Name but Becomes Mega-Player." Finally, on December 12, Dean Rapoport spoke to the bankruptcy members of the Houston Bar Association on bankruptcy ethics.

PROFESSOR REBECCA SCHARF. On December 7, Professor Scharf participated in a panel ("Teaching Professional Communications in a New Era") at the Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop held at the University of San Diego School of Law in San Diego, California. Professor Scharf's talk was entitled, "Psychology of Building Connections in Client Counseling."

PROFESSOR JEAN STERNLIGHT. On December 12, Professor Sternlight was quoted by reporter Martha White in a *Time* article entitled, "Sorry, But You Probably Can't Sue Your Bank." Professor Sternlight explained that many companies use arbitration clauses to limit consumer rights, including the amount of damages consumers can collect if they succeed in a lawsuit.

PROFESSOR STACEY TOVINO. Two of Professor Tovino's directed research students were selected to make presentations at the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) Fifteenth Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 21 through 23, 2013. John Niman, a third-year law student at Boyd, will present his paper, "Prosthetic Technology: From the Peg Leg to Human Enhancement." Bryn Esplin, a second-year law student at Boyd, will present her paper entitled, "The Mind is the Final Frontier: Reconceptualizing Mental Illness through Science Fiction, Legislation and the Future of Neuroscience." Niman and Esplin also received \$300 Student Travel Grants from SAHMS.

PROFESSOR JEAN WHITNEY. Professor Whitney and her ‘Advanced Advocacy: Legislative Policy’ course were featured in Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers, an initiative of the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System at the University of Denver.

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