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From Dean Dan

My friends Mike and Sonja Saltman have produced an excellent documentary, "Streetball Hafla," that will be shown next week on [Vegas PBS](#). The film examines how basketball can be used as a tool to promote peace and mutual understanding amid conflict in the Middle East. [Mike and Sonja](#) are the founders of the [Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution](#), which is one of the signature successes of Boyd and will soon celebrate its 10th anniversary. Their work with Saltman Center Director [Jean Sternlight](#), Ray Patterson, and our outstanding new hire [Lydia Nussbaum](#), have made the center a nationally recognized leader in the field of conflict resolution. Here is a description of the film and when it is showing:



Streetball Hafla

Tuesday, December 10 at 9 p.m. on Vegas PBS Channel 10 and 10.1

Explore how basketball can foster harmonious relationships between Jews and Arabs in Israel. The film, directed by David Blumenfeld, documents a three-on-three basketball tournament in Northern Israel, sponsored and organized by the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). The 2009 weekend brought together 160 Jewish and Arab teenage boys to play basketball against and with one another, share rooms, and participate in the ADL's antibias training program. **Repeats at 10:30 p.m.**

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Ruben Garcia

Locally and nationally, Professor [Ruben Garcia](#) is an insightful expert on matters of labor and employment law. And because that expertise is combined with intense engagement, he is not only one of the most knowledgeable leaders in the field, but also one of the most important and relevant.

Last year Professor Garcia published [Marginal Workers](#), a book about workers' rights that continues to earn accolades for Garcia and to draw attention to Boyd. The book reveals the creative insights of a lawyer who practiced labor law, but also showcases the depth and breadth of a scholar who teaches and writes about constitutional law and professional responsibility, in addition to labor and employment law. But perhaps

most importantly, Garcia's intellectual energy is spent with the goal of thoughtful, coherent, and enduring social change clearly in focus. As one reviewer said, this book "does not rest with analyzing the problem; [Garcia] offers ideas and proposals for relaunching workers' rights from a platform of first principles, not transient policy preferences." Garcia's book argues for a new paradigm of worker protection that is forged from models of human rights.

More recently, Professor Garcia published an essay titled Citizenship at Work: How the Supreme Court Politically Marginalized Public Employees. In this piece, Garcia analyzes the unique situation faced by public sector employees in an era of increasing hostility toward collective bargaining. At the core of his argument is the observation that, for public employees, the institutions that regulate working conditions are also the employers. This phenomenon creates what Garcia describes as an important "divide between work and citizenship."

In addition to producing important scholarship, Professor Garcia is also one of Boyd's most important institution-builders. Internally, he is a faculty leader who, for example, has expertly chaired key faculty committees. And externally, he is one of Boyd's most visible faculty members—serving on the board of the ACLU of Nevada, for example, and soon as co-President of the national Society of American Law Teachers.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Joshua and Crislove Igeleke

Joshua and Crislove Igeleke have shared a single semester of law school at Boyd. Josh will soon graduate with J.D. and MBA degrees while Crislove finds herself in the throes of her first year. Though their shared time in law school may be short, their experiences growing together as brother and sister are countless, ongoing, and shaped by the influence of their parents.

Christy and Joshua Igeleke, Sr. worked as ministers of their faith while starting a family in their native Nigeria. Their work called them to the United States, and in 1982, they made the journey to Las Vegas to continue their service to society. The Igeleke's transition to life in a very different world was not easy. "Our parents faced challenges of language barriers and limited formal education and were forced to take on multiple low-wage jobs to provide for a growing family of six children," Josh and Crislove attest.

Unwavering were the Igelekes, however, in stressing the importance of education to their offspring. For Josh, heeding his parents' advice took him to Texas Christian University where he earned bachelor's degrees in Electronic Business and Entrepreneurial Management with honors. Crislove likewise excelled academically, making the Dean's List each semester as a student at Lincoln University, the oldest historically black college and university in the nation. There she earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

"After I was accepted to Boyd, my dad [having earned a bachelor's degree from UNLV in 1988] told us that it was his dream to go to law school, but he was unable to go since Nevada did not have a law school and he did not want to uproot the family from Las Vegas," Josh recounts. "His dream has been fulfilled by having two of his kids in law school here at Boyd."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Heather Procter '03

Heather Procter '03 is a Nevada girl through-and-through. She is a fifth-generation Nevadan, obtaining her B.S. in human resources and MBA in management in marketing at UNR before heading to Boyd. "I love Nevada, so it seemed only natural that I would attend law school here."

For the last nine years, Heather has served the state as a deputy and senior deputy at the Nevada Attorney General's Office in Carson City. She primarily defends the state in state and federal habeas corpus actions. At the Attorney General's Office, Heather has been involved in numerous special projects, including: coordinating tribal colloquiums, training for Mexican and El Salvadoran prosecutors and investigators, providing in-house CLE training, and preparing and presenting bills in the Nevada Legislature.

Heather has worked with the Boyd Alumni Chapter Board since 2005, serving as a past president, and creating and editing the Boyd Alumni News since 2007. "I am very proud to be a Boyd graduate. The school has made tremendous changes to the legal community in Nevada and to my life. I cherish many of the friendships which started at Boyd," she said. She was recently named the 2013 William S. Boyd School of Law Alumna of the Year, the highest and most prestigious alumni award given by the school.

She shares her home in Reno with her two dogs, Bailey and Louie, and has enjoyed learning to play the violin for the past five years.