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## From Dean Dan

Here at the UNLV Boyd School of Law we want to promote discussion and debate of the most important legal and constitutional issues that we face in today's society. On Monday, we are delighted to welcome Professor [Geoffrey Stone](#), one of the nation's foremost authorities on the First Amendment and civil liberties. Professor Stone will be talking about his service on the White House's review panel on NSA surveillance, and in particular, he'll discuss the review panel's recommendations. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, go to [law.unlv.edu/DeanSpeakerSeries](http://law.unlv.edu/DeanSpeakerSeries). We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Dean's Speaker Series: Geoffrey R. Stone** **"NSA Surveillance: The Inside Scoop"**

Monday, April 7, 2014 | 12:00 p.m.

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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Jeanne Price

Even many of Professor [Jeanne Price's](#) faculty colleagues might be unable to guess which member of the faculty spent a year in the Persian Gulf as a Senior Legal Consultant to Qatar General Petroleum Corporation. In fact, Professor Price has nearly a decade of experience in a corporate law practice. And she draws upon all the wisdom and sophistication and experience of someone who succeeded in Biglaw as the Director of the [Wiener-Rogers Law Library](#). In this capacity she manages a staff of more than a dozen people, a collection of more than 350,000 volumes, and a facility that is more than 50,000 square feet. Her effective leadership of an institution that serves the state, the students, and the faculty is greatly appreciated by all three of those important constituencies.

Professor Price is also a scholar—and a recently tenured member of the faculty. In her recent article [Wagging, not Barking: Statutory Definitions](#), Price examines the legislative practice of defining words in legislative text. In the United States Code alone, for example, more than 25,000 terms are defined. She offers a taxonomy of different types of definitions, and argues that definitions play a more substantive and important role than we acknowledge. The title of her article elegantly captures the thesis. Dogs that bark bring attention to themselves. By contrast, statutory definitions are the dogs that don't bark. Yet even while not drawing attention to themselves, statutory definitions often act

as the tail that wags the dog. The article draws upon her unique expertise and enduring interest in rhetoric and linguistics; she earned her undergraduate degree in French as an honors graduate of Yale University.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Bryn Esplin

While a student at the Boyd School of Law, Bryn Esplin '14 has launched what promises to be an extraordinary scholarly career, having published articles in peer-reviewed journals, made presentations at numerous conferences, and earned national awards and fellowships, primarily in the fields of health law and bioethics. Let's review some of the highlights.

In terms of publication, Bryn's article, "Past, Present, and Future Legislative Implications of Conversion Therapy for Minors and Adults," appeared in the American Journal of Bioethics Neuroscience and The Philosopher's Index this past January. In progress are co-authored articles regarding the legal ethics of marketing products promising to prevent neurological diseases to vulnerable populations.

Additionally, Bryn presented two papers, "The Mind is the Final Frontier: Re-Conceptualizing Mental Illness through Science Fiction, Legislation and the Future of Neuroscience" and "Ecce (NO) Homo: Recognizing Multidimensional Masculinities Through Language" at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) conference in 2013, and was named the Early Career Scholar in Neuroethics. She also presented at both the 2013 and 2014 Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science (SAHMS) Conferences, where she earned their Student Scholar Award.

She was invited to deliver lectures during Law, Ethics, & Brain Policy classes at the University of Houston Law Center. This past month, Bryn's work, "Neurological Disease and Undocumented Workers: A Comprehensive Proposal for Immigration Reform for Caregivers in the United States" was featured at the International Brain Matters Conference in Vancouver.

For her prolific work, Bryn has received the prestigious Cleveland Clinic Fellowship in Advanced Bioethics for 2014-2016. At Boyd, Bryn has served as President of the Health Law Society; student representative to the Faculty Appointments Committee; and Research Assistant to Professors Stacey Tovino, Linda Berger, and Leslie Griffin.

It's impressive stuff, folks. And truly Bryn is just getting started.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Kim Leung '09

Kim H. Leung '09 enrolled at the William S. Boyd School of Law with a B.S. and a M.S. in electrical engineering, with plans of practicing in the area of patent law. While at Boyd, she co-founded the Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS) to connect students interested in IP law with IP practitioners in the Las Vegas area.

Shortly after graduation, Kim moved to California when she was hired by the IP law firm Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman, as an associate of the Patent Practice Group Los Angeles' office. Nearly three years ago, Kim became an associate of the Patent Group working in the San Diego office of Fish & Richardson, another IP firm. Her practice focuses on various technologies, including: communications systems, analog and digital electronics, computer hardware and software, mobile devices, semiconductor devices, and medical devices. She guides individual inventors and in-house counsels through the preparation and prosecution of U.S. and international patent applications, patent reissues, and inter partes reviews before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Kim has been involved in pro bono representation of income-qualifying inventors in the preparation and prosecution of patent applications before the USPTO. In addition to representing clients in patent matters, Kim has experience managing the trademark portfolio of a financial and marketing services provider.

Kim and her husband recently welcomed a baby boy, named Skyler, on March 15, 2014. He joins Reagan, who is 19 months old.