



CROOMS, LISA

On October 13, 2010, Professor Crooms conducted a session on case-based teaching for the HU Center on Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Assessment.

She was also a speaker at a congressional briefing entitled, "Why Civil Rights are Human Rights: Expanding the Frame for Social Justice." The briefing was held on October 21, 2010 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building and co-sponsored by The Opportunity Agenda and The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

In addition to Professor Crooms, the panel featured Alan Jenkins (The Opportunity Agenda), Wade Henderson (The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights), Chandra Bhatnagar (ACLU) and Phil Tegeler (The Poverty and Race Research Action Council).

BALLARD-THROWER, RHEA

Professor Ballard-Thrower taught the Communications Law Class (a Pre-Law Group) Introduction to Legal Research class on October 5, 2010.

Professor Ballard-Thrower also served as the Chief Election Judge for the Montgomery County General elections on November 2, 2010.



BULLOCK, ALICE GRESHAM

Professor Gresham Bullock's article, *Tax Code, The Tax Gap, and Income Inequality: The Middle Class Squeeze*, was recently published in the second issue of the 54th Edition of the **Howard Law Journal**.

Professor Gresham Bullock and 30 of her classmates in the HUSL Class of 1975 celebrated 35 years as Howard Law alumni during the Homecoming weekend. Her classmates announced their recognition of Bullock's outstanding contributions to the Law School as a Professor and Dean for seven years, particularly her leadership in building the law library, by raising \$35,000 to name the Library's Reserve Reading Room in her honor.



JAMAR, STEVEN

On October 8, 2010, Prof. Steven Jamar presented a paper entitled "A Social Justice Perspective on Copyright Law in the Religious Freedom Context after *Smith*, *Eldred*, and RFRA" at the Cardozo Law School's Conference on "Twenty Years After *Employment Div. v. Smith*: Assessing the 20th Century's Landmark Case on the Free Exercise of Religion and How it Changed History". Most of the papers were more straightforwardly connected to standard constitutional law of freedom of religion jurisprudence, though many presented provocative interpretations and information. Prof. Jamar participated on a panel which examined *Smith* and its relationship to other First Amendment values, such as free speech. Prof. Jamar's paper argues that the Copyright Act survives constitutional challenges based on *Smith* and RFRA, especially after the dicta in *Eldred*, but that the dicta in *Eldred* and the social justice scales in copyright argue for treating claims of fair use where religion is involved differently from non-religious settings.



LA RUE, HOMER



In September, Professor La Rue was a presenter at the annual conference of the Association for Conflict Resolution. The panel at which he presented was entitled, "Learning from the Masters – Mediation Techniques that Worked and Those That Did Not."

In October, Professor La Rue presented at the Fall Educational Conference of the National Academy of Arbitrators in Cleveland, OH. He and a panel, consisting of other labor-management arbitrators, two advocates, a psychiatrist and a psychologist, debated and discussed the use of experts in the arbitration of discipline and discharge cases involving issues of psychological disorders.

In October, Professor La Rue, as a member of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Institute, offered an annual training on "Becoming A Labor-Management Arbitrator." The three-day workshop was held in New Orleans, LA.

In November, Professor La Rue will teach a half-day workshop on opening statements in mediation as a part of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution's 14th Annual Advanced Mediation Skills Workshop in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

NOLAN, LAURENCE

Professor Nolan published: **International Encyclopedia of Laws, Family and Succession Law, United States of America**, (Supp 51) (Gen. Ed. R. Blanpain, Ed. W. Pintens) (Kluwer Law Int'l, The Hague, 2010) (co-author).

***MABRY, CYNTHIA***

On November 17, 2010, Professor Mabry will speak about Respecting Children's Identity and Family Life in Intercountry Adoptions in San Juan, P.R. at the IV World Congress on Child and Adolescents' Rights.

On November 4, 2010, copies of the second edition of Cynthia R. Mabry's and Lisa Kelly's **ADOPTION LAW: THEORY, POLICY AND PRACTICE** (2d ed. 2010) will be shipped by the publisher to law schools that have adopted the book.

On November 4, 2010, Professor Mabry and six Howard Family Law Students (HFLS) will be trained to offer services on behalf of the D.C. Bar Association's Pro-Se Divorce Clinic after three hours of training on procedures such as service of process, obtaining an uncontested divorce case, and eligibility for divorce under District of Columbia statutes. In the spring of 2011, Professor Mabry and HFLS students will present two hours of instruction to pro-se litigants on the same topics. During a second meeting with the same litigants, Professor Mabry and the students will help individual applicants to prepare the documents needed for processing the applicant's divorce case. This community service is provided in accordance with the mission of the HFLS and as a part of the Family Law Certificate Program to provide experiential and live-client contact for students.

On October 21, 2010 Professor Mabry and one member of the HFLS members attended the Superior Court of the District of Columbia's Family Court Ninth Annual Multidisciplinary Training Institute. The 2010 Institute was devoted to Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation. Family court judges and staff, attorneys and persons from other disciplines such as sociology attend the conference. Non-court personnel must be invited to participate in these Institutes. This is the second year that Professor Mabry has been invited and encouraged to bring a student.



JOSEPHINE, ROSS

Professor Josephine Ross and Peter Steadman are planning an Alternative Spring Break trip to Chicago in March 2011 to teach constitutional law issues to public high school students. This trip will run concurrently with the trip to New Orleans, organized this year by Dean Fax. Professor Ross is planning a kick-off event for November 15th hosted by the Clinical Law Center.

On November 3, 2010, Professor Ross hosted Anne Rolfes, Founding Director of the Louisiana Bucket Brigade, a 501(c)(3) environmental health and justice organization working with communities that neighbor the state's oil refineries and chemical plants.

On October 29, 2010, Professor Ross facilitated a panel at the Wiley A. Branton Symposium.

WILSON, BENJAMIN (teaches Environmental Law)

Congratulations to Professor Wilson! On September 30, 2010, Professor Wilson participated in the Charles Hamilton Houston Pre-Law Society forum.



KURT L. SCHMOKE
DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL

On October 14th, Dean Schmoke hosted a delegation from the University of Choco in Colombia, South America. The Dean has been working with the USAID and the Phelps Stokes Fund to establish an exchange program with the University of Choco. An informal luncheon was held in the Pauline Murray Conference Room to further discuss this partnership. The luncheon was attended by members of the faculty, staff and La Alianza.

On October 30th, Dean Schmoke hosted a Benefit Dinner for the law school at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium. The dinner was attended by alumni, faculty, staff and students. The HUSL Class of 1950 was honored at the dinner. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

OKIANER CHRISTIAN DARK
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Associate Provost for Research Jerry Bramwell has invited Associate Dean Dark to serve as the research officer for the School of Law. She will participate in the newly organized Council of Academic Research Officers, made up of the research officers of the 9 schools and colleges in the Academic Affairs Division. This group meets bimonthly with Dr. Bramwell to discuss research policies and practices across the Academic Affairs Division.

Associate Dean Dark attended the second Health Care Summit on October 27, 2010, at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville, MD. This invitation only Summit was co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Executive, the M Montgomery County Council Health and Human Services Committee, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and the Primary Care Coalition. The invitees were elected officials, thought leaders on health care access and disparities and local healthcare stakeholders. The primary focus of this Summit was to assess the impact and opportunities of health reform for the County. This is the second time she has been invited to participate in this Summit. Associate Dean Dark is a former chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Health and present member of the Advisory Board of the Montgomery Cares Program which is a private/public partnership providing primary care to uninsured adults in Montgomery County.

She also attended the LSAC Test, Development and Research (TDR) Committee meeting in Chicago, Illinois on October 22-23, 2010. This committee is primarily concerned with all aspects of the LSAT. Associate Dean Dark has been a member of TDR for seven years and is a former member of the LSAC Board of Trustees.

