



***BALLARD-THROWER, RHEA***

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Professor Rhea Ballard-Thrower was a member of an ABA site team to Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, NC from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

***BOYER, SPENCER***

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Professor Spencer Boyer was elected to the Board of Directors of a charter school located on Howard’s main campus. Its mission is to provide a sound foundation in all academic subjects, and a concentration in mathematics and science by providing:

- \* An academic model designed to prepare middle school students for college and careers in math, science, and engineering;
- \* A highly qualified instructional staff with ongoing professional development;
- \* A technology-enabled school designed specifically for middle school students with the benefit of being located on an elite college campus;
- \* A longer school day with accelerated instructional programs;
- \* A wide variety of after-school enrichment activities developed by Howard University faculty and staff;
- \* Small class sizes with a low student to teacher ratio;
- \* Technology-related learning opportunities for parents; and
- \* Active parent and community involvement in support of high student achievement.



***CROOMS, LISA***

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Professor Lisa Crooms’ article, *Bringing Human Rights Home to Help People Who Need Help the Most*, was featured in the “news” section of roll.call.com.

ECHOLS, MARSHA

Professor Echols participated in the December meeting of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on International Law, as a Committee member. The Legal Adviser participated throughout the day and made extensive remarks about his office's priorities. He used the meeting to obtain the Committee's ideas about how to respond to several general issues facing the State Department.

Professor Echols' article "*Food Quality in the United States*" was published in the latest issue of *Revista di Diritto Alimentare*.

GAVIL, ANDREW

On January 26, 2010, Professor Gavil will be participating as a panelist in the fifth of five workshops being conducted jointly by the Federal Trade Commission and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice exploring possible ways to update the agencies' 1997 Horizontal Merger Guidelines. For the workshop's agenda see <http://www.ftc.gov/bc/workshops/hmg/012610agenda.pdf>.

He was quoted in a New York Times blog posting on the antitrust issues associated with Google's pending acquisition of AdMob on December 24, 2009.

See <http://www.thebigmoney.com/blogs/feeling-lucky/2009/12/24/feds-scrutinize-google-admob-buy>

He was also quoted in three articles on December 16, 2009 concerning the FTC's antitrust case against Intel, one in the New York Times, see <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/12/17/technology/companies/17chip.html>, one in a PBS NewsHour posting, see <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2009/12/ftc-accuses-intel-of-stifling-competition.html>, and one by Bloomberg News. See <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=a9.EzAZ3VLC8>.is seeking grants to support research and resources for the community regarding HIV/AIDS as it affects women.

***GRESHAM BULLOCK, ALICE***

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Professor Gresham Bullock participated in the 3-day October meeting of the American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education Accreditation Committee Meeting in Aspen, Colorado. The Accreditation Committee considered various aspects of accreditation review and approval of more than 20 law schools.

Professor Gresham Bullock was invited to join the Advisory Board of the Howard University Women's Health Institute (WHI). The WHI is committed to excellence and addressing the needs of women health in the Washington, DC and surrounding community. One of the major projects is seeking grants to support research and resources for the community regarding HIV/AIDS as it affects women.

On November 12, 2009, more than 75 students participated in a Seminar on Wealth Management Basics for Howard University Law Students organized and hosted by Professor Gresham Bullock. The purpose of the seminar was to educate students on and build financial and wealth management literacy. She engaged Eric Bailey, a private wealth manager and certified financial planner, Sagemark Consulting who engaged students for more 90 minutes at lunch time. Students enthusiastically welcomed the opportunity to discuss and receive advice on financial issues they face in these tough economic times. Professor Gresham Bullock offers this seminar every other year as part of her Women and Wealth Series focused on the importance of and strengthening financial literacy and wealth management for women law students before they enter the legal profession.

***JAMAR, STEVEN (on Sabbatical)***

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On Wednesday, December 2, Professor Steven D. Jamar, hosted a lecture on copyright law at WHUT-TV in Washington, D.C. There was a screening of the film, "Copyright Criminals," which discussed the legal issues involved with hip-hop sampling. Following the film, Professor Jamar fielded questions.

### *MCDOUGALL, HAROLD*

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Professor McDougall attended the semiannual board meeting of the Paul J. Aicher Foundation in Washington, D.C., as a board member. The Aicher Foundation funds the civic organization Everyday Democracy (formerly known as the Study Circles Resource Center), headquartered in Hartford, Connecticut. Everyday Democracy helps local communities explore ways for diverse groups of people to think, talk, and work together to solve problems. Using tools and methods for organizing large-scale dialogue and collaborative problem solving, Everyday Democracy works with neighborhoods, cities and towns, regions, and states, helping them pay particular attention to how racism and ethnic differences affect the problems they address. See <http://www.everyday-democracy.org>



### *ROGERS, W. SHERMAN*

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Professor Rogers recently published his new book, **The African American Entrepreneur, Then and Now.**

Professor Rogers has accepted an invitation to present a paper at a symposium on Defense of Marriage (DOMA) Issues Concerning Federalism and Interstate Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships that will convene at California Western School of Law in San Diego, California on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20, 2010. Professor Rogers' panel will meet on Friday March 19, 2010.

The purpose of the symposium is to analyze the federalism and full faith and credit issues concerning inter-jurisdictional recognition (or non-recognition) of same-sex couples' relationships under the Defense of Marriage Act. The conference papers will explore the current situation on this highly contested issue and also offer reflections on how this issue ought to be addressed. Conference speakers will explore this issue from a variety of perspectives--ideological and legal, including conflict of laws, full faith and credit, federalism, and other public policy perspectives, including both the horizontal and vertical aspects of these issues. The conference's conveners anticipate that the papers will include perspectives ranging from the theoretical, to the doctrinal to the pragmatic.

**ROSS, JOSEPHINE**

On November 13, 2009 Prof. Ross took part in a small symposium/workshop at the Albany Law School that examined legal and social issues that appear in the Oz series by L. Frank Baum. "Law &" -- the **Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal** has agreed to publish this oz symposium in their 2010 issue. Professor Reggie Robinson also participated.

**SIMMS, PATRICE LAMUMBA (on leave)**

Professor Simms, working with the Howard Energy and Environmental Law Society ("HEELS"), hosted two events at the Law School this fall. The first, on September 24, 2009, was a reception for legendary Environmental Justice leader Dr. Beverly Wright - a tireless advocate for communities in Louisiana's "cancer alley," for the people of New Orleans and other Gulf Coast areas hit hard by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and for disproportionately burdened communities across the U.S. Dr. Wright was one of ten recipients in 2009 of the prestigious Heinz Award, presented each year by Teresa Heinz Kerry in honor of the late Senator John Heinz. (see: <http://www.heinzawards.net/recipients>). Professor Simms, and the Howard Energy and Environmental Law Society President Royce Duplessis, also attended the official presentation of the Heinz Awards at the National Portrait Gallery on November 28, 2009.

The second event was an environmental law career panel, co-hosted by HEELS and the DC Bar Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Section (for which Professor Simms serves on the Steering Committee). The career panel featured five distinguished environmental law professionals from various areas of practice, including the D.C. Department of Environment's General Counsel, an Assistant General Counsel from U.S. EPA's Office of General Counsel, a public health attorney from the Natural Resources Defense Council, and two seasoned environmental lawyers from private practice. Both events were a tremendous success.

In November, Professor Simms also attended two meetings with officials from the Obama administration as part of a delegation of environmental and environmental justice advocates.

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SIMMS, PATRICE LAMUMBA (on leave)

The first meeting was with officials from the Office of Management and Budget, and the other members of the delegation included Dr. Robert Bullard, the Director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University, and representatives from Earthjustice, Sierra Club, NRDC, Environmental Integrity Project, and the Southern Environmental Law Center.

TAZLITZ, ANDREW E.

Professor Andrew E. Taslitz attended a meeting as a member of the Governing Council of the ABA's Criminal Justice Section and attended, in his role as Reporter, the penultimate meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws' Committee on Electronic Recordation of Custodial Interrogations. Professor Taslitz also spoke at the Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting on *Cognitive Obstacles to and Opportunities for, Police Making Accurate Particularized Suspicion Judgments Under the Fourth Amendment*. The talk was based on an article that he wrote over the break of a similar title that will be published in the **Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law**.

Professor Taslitz also published *Why Did Tinkerbell Get Off So Easy?: The Roles of Imagination and Social Norms in Excusing Human Weakness*, \_\_ **Texas. Tech. L. Rev.** \_\_ (2009), which arose out a symposium, put on last year by Texas Tech's Criminal Justice Initiative.

Professor Taslitz additionally wrote draft manuscripts over the break of a book chapter on privacy issues raised by advancing search and seizure technology and another book chapter on innocence movement recent developments, as well as completing the manuscript for the fourth edition of his casebook, **Constitutional Criminal Procedure**, and for his forthcoming co-authored first volume of a treatise on criminal procedure. He also wrote and submitted, at LexisNexis's invitation, a proposal for a criminal law volume of their new Skills and Values Series. The series is designed to bring the pervasive methods of teaching skills and professional responsibility into all law school classrooms. He also agreed to write short pieces this spring for two on-line journals, Jotwell (a piece reviewing a recent criminal procedure history dissertation) and International Commentary on Evidence (a piece reviewing Robert Burns's *The American Jury Trial*). He additionally agreed to speak this spring at a National Institute of Justice-funded conference on defense counsel training for handling non-DNA post-conviction innocence challenges.

*THOMAS, ALICE*

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Professor Thomas has been contracted by Carolina Academic Press to author a textbook on Federal Income Tax law under a new series that infuses the Carnegie Legal Education Report and CLEA's Best Practices into doctrinal textbooks.



*WU, FRANK*

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In summer 2010, Professor Frank Wu will begin service as Chancellor & Dean of University of California Hastings College of Law.

He was appointed to the Department of Education National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. It advises the Secretary of Education on accreditation of higher education institutions.

*ADJUNCT FACULTY NEWS*

*ANDREWS JR., RAWLE*

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Adjunct Professor Rawle Andrews has been named the AARP's Interim State Director in Maryland, effective January 4, 2010. In this position, he will assume leadership over all the business, financial and programmatic activities for AARP within the state of Maryland (SE Region).



*KURT L. SCHMOKE*  
*DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL*

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Dean Schmoke was selected Chairman of the Board at Howard Hughes Medical Institute, effective May 2010.

*OKIANER CHRISTIAN DARK*  
*ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS*

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In December, Associate Dean Dark was appointed to the Presidential Commission on Academic Renewal (PCAR) at Howard University. The renewal process is built around a presidentially appointed Commission for Academic Renewal; composed predominantly of faculty, but which also includes every stakeholder group along with nationally recognized university leaders and other external experts. The Presidential Commission, during the spring 2010 term, will review each of Howard's degree programs using an evaluation framework which will be refined through engagement with the campus community and make recommendations to the President. The Commission or PCAR is divided into four working groups - Undergraduate Programs; Graduate Programs; Health Sciences and Professional Graduate Programs. Associate Dean Dark is Chair of the workgroup on Professional Graduate Programs which will focus on the Schools of Divinity, Social Work, Business and Law. Professor Warner Lawson is also a member of the workgroup on Professional Graduate Programs.

In January 2010, Associate Dean Dark was on a panel addressing the topic of "Succeeding in Legal Education." The panel noted that according to a 2007-08 AALS statistical report, women comprised 61.3% of all law school lecturers and 53.9% of law school assistant professors, yet only 29.3% of all full professors and only 19.8% of all law school deans. This panel focused on practical strategies for succeeding in legal education that included becoming a dean, excelling at scholarship, creating a meaningful media presence, and moving to a different law school. In addition to Associate Dean Dark, the other members of the panel were Professor Dorothy Andrea Brown, Emory University School of Law, Dean Phoebe A. Haddon, University of Maryland School of Law and Professor Nancy B. Rapoport, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law.