



BALLARD-THROWER, RHEA

On Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, Professor Ballard-Thrower taught the "Introduction to Legal Research" session for the students in the Howard University School of Communications. The class was taught in law library in Rm. 101.

BULLOCK, ALICE GRESHAM (ON SABBATICAL)

Professor Alice Gresham Bullock presented a well attended workshop on Financial Literacy to Building Financial Wealth to the Howard University community on February 25 at the Health Sciences Library. The specific topic "Building Wealth: Getting Your Financial Life In Order," is one in a series she has presented on over the year at the request of the Howard University Women's Health Institute. In January, she participated in the meeting of the ABA Committee on Law School Accreditation meeting in Charleston, S.C. where more than 30 law schools were considered in various stages of the accreditation and reaccreditation process.

Professor Gresham has been invited to present her research at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund HBCU Institute on March 23, 2011 on "Why HBCU Law Schools remain important for legal education for African American law school candidates." The Institute's conference is focusing on strategies for fending off attacks questioning the need for and viability of HBCUs. Her presentation is one of 2 major presentations opening the Institute's conference attended by college presidents, chancellors and provosts.



CROOMS, LISA

On February 17, 2011, Professor Crooms was one of three judges for the final round of the Goler Teal Butcher International Moot Court Team competition. Crooms was also a plenary speaker at "Gender Justice in the Americas: A Transnational Dialogue on Sexuality, Violence, Reproduction, and Human Rights," held at the University of Miami on February 23-25, 2011. In addition to the University of Miami Law School, the dialogue was convened by the Human Rights Centre of the University of Diego Portales (Chile), the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Human Rights Institute of Columbia University Law School.

ECHOLS, MARSHA

Professor Echols was a panelist on main campus in a program honoring Dr. Warren Washington, a National Medal of Science Honoree. She spoke about *Food Security and Climate Change*. The program was co-sponsored by several Howard University offices, including the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Associate Provost for Research.

***GAVIL, ANDREW***

On Thursday, March 24, Professor Gavil will be hosting a “Why Antitrust?” panel at the Law School featuring an all-Howard group of alumni who now practice antitrust law. The Keynote Speaker will be Norman Armstrong, Deputy Director, Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission. The “Why Antitrust?” program is sponsored by the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association and was inaugurated at Howard more than a decade ago. Since then, it has been replicated at many other law schools around the country.

From March 30 to April 1, Professor Gavil will be attending the Spring Meeting of the Antitrust Section of the American Bar Association here in Washington, D.C, during which he will also be chairing the “Antitrust Fundamentals” panel, a three hour introduction to antitrust law. Professor Gavil is a member of the Council of the Antitrust Section.

On April 4th, Professor Gavil will be welcoming Dr. Sebastian Peyer as a guest lecturer in his Antitrust Law class. Dr. Peyer is a post-doctoral fellow at the Centre for Competition Policy at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK, where Professor Gavil served as a visiting professor from May-June 2010. Dr. Peyer will be discussing his research on the ongoing evolution of private rights of action for infringements of competition laws in Europe.



MABRY, CYNTHIA

Cynthia R. Mabry was elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the AAALS, Children and the Law Section.

LA RUE, HOMER

Professor La Rue and a representative from the American Arbitration Association presented a workshop at the 34th Annual National Labor – Management Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on February 21, 2011. The conference consisted of more than 400 participants from the labor-management community. Professor La Rue’s workshop addressed how ADR can help to cut the cost of disputing in the labor-management relationship.



McDOUGALL, HAROLD

On February 7, 2011, Professor McDougall joined twenty-three other professors from the continental United States, Hawaii, and Canada in a roundtable discussion at the Department of Education on the topic of Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement, sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. Professor McDougall spoke on his work with the Invisible College, including the Boys II Men and Girls II Women programs, as well law student-authored “action research” coming out of his two seminars, Civil Rights Planning and Sustainable Development.



MEEKINS, TAMAR (ON LEAVE)

From January 3 through 7, 2011, Professor Meekins served as a faculty member for the Harvard Law School's Trial Advocacy Workshop, an intensive three-week winter intersession course that focuses on trial analysis, skills and techniques. Professor Meekins 1) gave a demonstration of direct examination and objection skills, which was attended by over 125 students enrolled in the course; and 2) critiqued and taught trial skills to a small group of 12 students.

Professor Meekins was selected to serve on the Public Defender Corps Application Review Committee for its inaugural Fall 2011 class. The Public Defender Corps is a unique initiative which partners Equal Justice Works with the Southern Public Defender Training Center to provide three year fellowships for top students to engage in indigent defense. The initiative addresses the ongoing national crisis of failing to provide quality representation to accused persons who cannot afford counsel, and provides a strong training, mentoring and community structure for public defender offices in the South, Midwest and other non-urban areas of the U.S.

She has been selected as the Lead Trainer for the American Bar Association's Indigent Defense Training and Technical Assistance Project. This project funded by the DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance will offer a series of national trainings starting in June 2011 that will be marked by a unique curriculum, experiential learning techniques and will be used as a model for training programs across the country, including for in-house defender programs and by private court-appointed attorneys.

On March 1, 2011, Professor Meekins was the keynote speaker for a delegation of Colombian community leaders. The group is comprised of mayors, representatives from non-governmental organizations, psychologists and a law professor. Most of them come from communities with substantial Afro-Colombian and/or indigenous populations. They are travelling to the United States under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The group will travel to several cities in the U.S. during their three-week study project, and will focus on the legal system, civic engagement and the importance of citizen involvement in the political process in the United States. Professor Meekins gave them an overview of the American system of justice, including the appointment and retention of judges and an overview of the juvenile justice system.

Professor Meekins is visiting at the American University School of Law for the Spring 2011 semester.



NICHOLS, CHERYL

The **Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business** has accepted for publication Professor Nichols's article entitled, "Addressing Inept SEC Enforcement Efforts: Lessons from Madoff, the Hedge Fund Industry, and Title IV of the Dodd-Frank Act for US and Global Financial Systems." Professor Nichols's article will appear in the Symposium Issue of Volume 31.

ROGERS, SHERMAN

On February 20, 2011, Professor Rogers did a book signing at the Overdue Recognition Art Gallery, 6828 B Racetrack Road, Bowie, Maryland 20715.

On February 26, 2011, 10:30am, Professor Rogers did a book signing at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's (ASALH) Featured Author's Event at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. This annual event is done in conjunction with the Black History Month Celebration. ASALH's founder, Carter G. Woodson, started the celebration now known as black history week.

On February 26, 2011, 2:30pm, Professor Rogers was a panelist at the American Bar Association Law Student Division, Spring Meeting, at a seminar titled "The Age of Entrepreneurship/The Road Less Traveled."



ROSS, JOSEPHINE

Professor Ross published *From Slavery to Prison in Rinkitink in Oz* 20 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERDISCIPLINARY LAW JOURNAL** 107 (2010) as part of a symposium held at Albany Law School that looked at the works of L. Frank Baum. The article looks at the connection between slavery and imprisonment during the period when L. Frank Baum wrote and showed how some of his children's books depicted the interconnection between the two. This article builds on literary criticism that shows the parallels between James Brown and Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. Her article supports some of the recent scholarship that draws a connection between slavery and modern mass incarceration.



TASLITZ, ANDREW

Professor Andrew E. Taslitz made a presentation at the University of Alabama on February 11, 2011 as part of a symposium celebrating the 25th anniversary of the publication of Professor Richard Delgado's article on reducing punishment for offenders coming from a "rotten social background." Professor Taslitz's talk was entitled, "The Politics of the Rule of Law in the Fate of the Rotten Social Background Defense." The talk arose from his article, *The Rule of Criminal Law: Why Courts and Legislatures Ignore Richard Delgado's Rotten Social Background*, __ *Ala. Civ. Rt.s-Civ. Lib.s L. Rev.* __ (forthcoming 2011).

On February 26, 2011, Professor Taslitz presided over a meeting of the ABA Criminal Justice Editorial Board, which he chairs. Taslitz also submitted a manuscript for a chapter on recent developments in the innocence movement to be published in the annual ABA publication, *The State of Criminal Justice*. Taslitz has also been named the Reporter for the New Eyewitness Identification Procedures Study Committee of the Uniform Law Commission. That committee's goal is to draft uniform legislation changing police witness identification procedures to improve the accuracy of eyewitness identifications in criminal cases.

Professor Taslitz has also arranged for a talk on March 9, 2011, at 12:30 pm, in Rm. 2 Houston Hall, by Professor Carol Lin of the University of Taiwan, comparing Taiwanese and American rape law and myths. He hopes that many faculty and students will attend.

Professor Taslitz also encouraged students to form a new criminal justice organization at the law school, and he is pleased to report that students enthusiastically took up the call, having started the Howard Criminal Justice Society. The Society seeks to advance law reform, education, and networking in the area of criminal justice. The Society has already had organizational and membership meetings and sponsored a talk by Professor Aderson Francois on *Race and the Drug War*.

Finally, Taslitz has been invited to speak at a symposium in the fall at the University of Iowa on the fate of the *Batson* case, prohibiting prosecutorial race discrimination in jury selection.

BANKS, WENDELL (SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, FAIR HOUSING CLINIC)

The Coalition of Homeownership Preservation in Prince George's County in collaboration with HUD, Maryland DHCD and Freddie Mac is having a scam event at Refreshing Spring Church from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. Professor Banks has been asked to be a panelist at this event and discuss predatory lending and fair housing issues.

RAWLES, ANDREW (HOUSING DISCRIMINATION; HOUSING LITIGATION)

Professor Rawles completed an OpEd on Pepco's reliability problems and practical solutions that ran in the Gazette. This is one of the papers of record for MD policy makers and thought leaders.

Professor Rawles is also testifying before the Economic Matters Committee of the MD House of Delegates on 02/24th @ 2 p.m. (ET) in Annapolis.

SANDERS, BRUCE (SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, INVESTOR EDUCATION CLINIC)

Professor Bruce was interviewed last week by WHUT-TV (the Kojo Namdi show) for a story they are doing on investment fraud. He was asked to talk about the impact of investment fraud on investors, and the services the IJEC provides to the underserved investment community. The show is scheduled to air sometime March or early April according to the Producer.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DEANS' CORNER

MARCH 2011



SCHMOKE, KURT L. DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL

On February 9th, Dean Schmoke was invited by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to be the keynote speaker for their Annual Black History Month program. The program was attended by over 300 lawyers and engineers from the USPTO.

On February 12th, Dean Schmoke participated on a panel at the Teach for America 20th Anniversary summit at the Washington Convention Center. The Summit was attended by nearly 11,000 people. The Dean's panel was entitled, "*Getting Things Done in Politically Complicated Environments: Collaborating to Achieve Education Equity.*"

The Annual James M. Nabrit, Jr. Lecture Series was held on Monday, February 14th. Dean Schmoke hosted speakers, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, William T. Coleman, Jr. and Valerie B. Jarrett.

Dean Schmoke will be attending the American Bar Association (ABA) Deans Workshop in San Diego on March 4th and 5th.



DARK, OKIANER CHRISTIAN
ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dean Dark will chair the Planning Committee for the 2011 AALS, New Law Teachers Conference, Pretenured People of Color Workshop and Beginning Legal Writing Teachers Workshop scheduled in June 2011.

She was recently appointed to a three-year term on the AALS Committee on Admission to the Bar and Lawyer Performance.

On March 9, 2011, Dean Dark will give a presentation on Legal Issue in Health Care at the Howard University College of Medicine. This lecture is given to students enrolled in the Health Ethics course from the College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health, and College of Dentistry. There are approximately 100 students enrolled in this course.

Dean Dark continues to serve as Chair of the Specialty Care Committee of the Montgomery County Advisory Board for the Montgomery Cares Program. Currently, her committee is working collaboratively with hospitals in Montgomery County to identify ways to address the specialty care needs of Montgomery Cares clients. This program is focused on the uninsured adults in Montgomery County.