

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW



Congratulations to TJSL's Veterans Clinic Scholarship Recipient

Lauren Hebl (3L) has been awarded the Veterans Clinic Alumni Scholarship for the Fall 2013 semester. "It is truly an honor to have been awarded this scholarship and a privilege to be a part of the veterans clinic. I am sincerely grateful for this opportunity and look forward to another wonderful semester with the veterans clinic," said Hebl.

Veterans Clinic Alumni Scholarships are awarded to the most dedicated students serving the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC). Scholarships are made possible by funds raised at the annual TJSL Alumni and Friends Golf

Tournament. Recent recipients include: Janaye Martin and Matthew Ferrara in 2011, Conrad Ohashi (3L), Matthew Katsionis '12, and Nicole Heffel '13 in 2012 and Kristiana Erthner (3L), Kristen Green and Rachel Weckhorst Espejo '13 in 2013.

Since 2006, VLAC has successfully provided limited legal assistance, as well as full service legal representation, to the residents and alumni of Veterans Village of San Diego – a highly successful, residential program that provides housing, substance abuse, mental health, and job training services to formerly homeless veterans struggling to regain full participation in society. Under the direction of Professor Steve Berenson, the clinic offers students valuable hands-on experience in handling a wide range of cases spanning family, consumer, and administrative laws.

"Lauren was extremely conscientious and diligent in her work on a number of complicated cases," said Director of the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic Professor Berenson. "She was a pleasure to work with at all times. We are thrilled that she will continue her work with the veterans clinic during the spring semester."

"The most rewarding part of the experience was the freedom to explore the complexities of each case, have the ability to form an attorney-client relationship with individuals I came to know and respect, and to stand next to them in court as their legal representative," shared Hebl.

"It was an invaluable learning experience that helped me understand what it really meant to be an advocate for those who have already given so much, and to work with such a talented group of student colleagues under the superior guidance of both Professor Berenson and Professor Rebecca Nieman was truly a pleasure," she added.



From left to right: David Bensman (Rutgers); Olivier Giraud (CNAM); Donna Kesselman (UPEC); Susan Bisom-Rapp (TJSL); Christian Azaïs (UP Dauphine); Richard Hyman (London School of Economics, emeritus).

Professor Bisom-Rapp Participated in an International Colloquium in Paris

Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp participated in an international colloquium in Paris, France, which was held from Thursday, January 16th – Saturday, January 18th. The conference was the second international meeting of the Gray Zone Project (Projet ZOGRIS), a working group of scholars studying the rise of insecure forms of employment in four countries: Brazil, France, Mexico, and the United States. Projet ZOGRIS' members are examining how inequality is created by forms of employment that differ from traditional, standard employment relationships. These newer forms of employment include: independent contracting and freelancing; part-time work; temporary work; short-term contracts; and leased work. The kickoff conference took place in December 2011. <u>The January 2014 colloquium program is</u> <u>available here</u>.

The January 2014 conference, "Employment Standards and Work Situations Meet (Labor) Market Regulations and Policies: Globalization and the View from the North and South," was held at three different sites over the course of the three days: the University of Paris, Dauphine; the University of Paris, East-Creteil; and the National Conservatory of Arts and Letters (Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM)). Thirty-five (35) researchers from eight countries participated. The format was unusual. Each panel began with a commentator summarizing and commenting on three papers, which comprised the panel. Following that, each paper author was given a chance to present his or her work from his or her own perspective and to reply to the commentator's critique. General discussion followed. "The conference format really kept the paper authors on their toes," noted Professor Bisom-Rapp. "We had to react to how another person perceived our papers without knowing in advance what that perception would be. We also had to fill in the gaps on our arguments that the commentator might have left out of the commentary."

Professor Bisom-Rapp's paper, "Navigating in a Snowstorm: Labor Market Regulation, the Changed Nature of Work, and the Gray Zone in the United States," argued that mapping the borders of the gray zone in the U.S. is complicated by several factors, including inconsistent definitions of non-standard work, a lack of recent data collection by the government, and employers' misclassification of employees. "These factors make quantifying the trend toward atypical employment challenging," said Professor Bisom-Rapp. "Moreover, given the rise of insecurity within even traditional employment relationships, focusing solely on gray zone employment may understate the extent to which legal and public policy reform is necessary in the U.S." Ultimately, what may be required is a rethinking of the parameters of and approach to labor market regulation. The first step, however, is to develop a comprehensive understanding of the problem at hand and a coordinated policy response. "Unfortunately," she noted, "the U.S. Congress does not appear positioned to undertake that challenge." Political action from the American people will be necessary to move our elected representatives in the correct direction, concludes the paper.

"Hearing about what other countries are doing to provide support to non-traditional workers was heartening," said Professor Bisom-Rapp. For example, in Brazil, a whole range of protections are available to independent contractors and do not require a traditional employer-employee relationship. In contrast, in the U.S., independent contractors are not eligible for unemployment insurance, cannot seek help from the Department of Labor when they are not paid, and are not eligible for Workers Compensation when they are injured on the job. They are also not protected by employment discrimination legislation. Those protections are only available to those who meet the definition of an "employee." "If the nature of how people work is changing," noted Professor Bisom-Rapp, "our labor and employment laws will need to account for that change. We cannot leave millions of people without necessary legal protection."

Projet ZOGRIS is funded by a grant from the French National Research Agency (Agence Nationale Recherche (ANR)), a research funding organization established in 2005 by the French government. ANR maintains a grant for studying inequality. The ZOGRIS project's funding is in the form of an inequality grant.

Professor Bisom-Rapp is an internationally-known scholar in the field of comparative workplace law who writes about globalization, equal employment opportunity, occupational safety and health, and the rights of migrants.

China and Nice Summer Study Abroad Informational Meeting Tuesday, February 4, 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Room 325 RSVP to Randy Ward <u>rward@tjsl.edu</u>



Professor Tiefenbrun, Director of the China and Nice Programs and the Center for Global Legal Studies, along with students who attended last summer's programs will be at the meeting.



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The 2014 Women and the Law Conference gathers together a slate of luminaries in military leadership to explore the unique forces shaping women's access to power in the U.S. military. The conference focuses on a number of issues, including whether new statistics on sexual assault in the military warrant legislative changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and explores the topic of women serving in elite combat units. The conference will be of interest not just to those with a military connection, but to anyone who seeks to gain insight on leadership and success from some of the nation's most powerful lawyers in uniform.



2014 KEYNOTE SPEAKER VICE ADMIRAL NANETTE DERENZI Judge Advocate General, United States Navy



2014 RUTH BADER GINSBURG LECTURER CAPTAIN STACY PEDROZO Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School

For more about the conference and to register, please visit us at www.tjsl.edu/conferences/wlc

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Citations Added January 12, 2014 - January 21, 2014

Jeff Slattery

Radio:

Guest Expert in Art Law, Colorado Public Radio KCFR 90.1, Art News, January 2014.

Marjorie Cohn

Radio:

President Obama's speech on NSA surveillance program, Pat Thurston Show, KGO radio, San Francisco, January 19, 2014

Radio:

President Obama's speech about changes to NSA surveillance program, The Sunday Show, KPFA, Berkeley, January 19, 2014.



TJSL Spring 2014 graduation will take place on May 17, 2014 at Copley's Symphony Hall. More information to come...



MEDIA III WATCH

January 17, 2014

Professor William Byrnes was quoted in the Wall Street Journal article titled Duly Noted: Delaying Social Security claims http://www.marketwatch.com/story/duly-noted-delaying-social-security-claims-2014-01-17

January 15, 2014

Professor Marjorie Cohn was a Contributing Editor in the Jurist discussing two recent decisions on the constitutionality of the National Security Agency's (NSA) metadata collection program http://jurist.org/forum/2014/01/marjorie-cohn-nsa-metadata.php

January 6, 2014

Professor Alex Kreit appeared in the Wall Street Journal article titled New York's Puzzling Medical Marijuana Plan http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2014/01/06/new-yorks-puzzling-medical-marijuana-plan/

December 17, 2013

Professor Kaimipono Wenger appeared in a Huffington Post segment about the recent polygamy decision http://live.huffingtonpost.com/r/segment/utah-sister-wives-polygamy/52ab39fe78c90a4e4900048b .

December 10, 2013

TJSL awards JSD to Richard Gendler story appeared in The Daily Transcript http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131210tjc#.UquRcfRDt8F

December 3, 2013

TJSL launches website for military story appeared in the SD Daily Transcript http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131203tje#.UqZDxfRDt8G

November 26, 2013

JURIST Guest Columnist <u>Alex Kreit</u> of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law says that 2014 is going to be a truly groundbreaking year for marijuana policy in the US, when Colorado's and Washington's marijuana legalization takes effect <u>http://www.jurist.org/forum/2013/11/alex-kreit-marijuana-legalization.php</u>

November 25, 2013

TJSL was mentioned the SD Daily Transcript story titled Bar results feature highest pass rate in 4 years <u>http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm Source-</u> <u>Code=20131125czf&_t=Bar+results+feature+highest+pass+rate+in+4+years#.UqZBxPRDt8F</u>

November 21, 2013

Professor Deven R. Desai was quoted in the New York Times in a story titled Beyond 3-D Printers' Magic, Possible Legal Wrangling.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/24/business/beyond-3-d-printers-magic-possible-legal-wrangling.html? r=0

November 21, 2013

TJSL collecting money, supplies for Typhoon Haiyan victims story appeared in the SD Daily Transcript <u>http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?</u> <u>SourceCode=20131121czc&_t=TJSL+collecting+money+supplies+for+Typhoon+Haiyan+victims#.UpOz3cRDt8F</u>

November 19, 2013

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Shannon Laoye was mentioned in SD Daily Transcript story titled the Earl Gilliam Bar awards scholarships at annual event <u>http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131119tja#.UpPeAcRDt8E</u>

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2	3	4 SE China and Nice Summer Study Abroad Programs - Meeting 11:30 AM Room 325	5 Sports Law Society Presents - Claire M. Zovko, Esq. 11:45 AM	6 Alumni Association Mixer 6:00 PM Location: Craft & Commerce, Little Italy	7	8 UCSD Mock Trial Competition Employee Rights Self-Help Clinic 9:30 AM Clinic on 11th Avenue
9 UCSD Mock Trial Competition	10	11	Faculty Colloquium Committee Speaker: Orly Lobel 11:30 AM	13	14 Barristers Ball 2014 6:30 PM USS Midway 910 N Harbo San Diego, CA 92101 Purchase Ticket: https://squareup.com/m sba/barristers-ball-ticket	narket/tjsl-
16	17	18	19	20	21 14th Annual Women and the Law Conference: Women and the Military 8:00 AM Register: http://www.tjs	22 sl.edu/conferences/wlc
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