Global Legal Studies Initiative Set

The University of Wisconsin Law School and the Office of International Studies and Programs at UW-Madison have formed a partnership to promote the understanding of international, transnational, and comparative legal systems, processes, and regimes.

According to Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr., "A large proportion of our faculty are already involved in various aspects of law beyond U.S. borders, and we look forward to expanding the ways in which we and our UW colleagues and students can integrate scholarship and service for the benefit of Wisconsin and our neighbors throughout the world."

The initiative will promote research in international legal studies, organize workshops and conferences, expand connections with scholars and institutions in the U.S. and overseas, deepen links with international programs on campus, and share expertise with constituencies in Wisconsin and worldwide. A long-term objective of the initiative is the development of a new Center for Global Legal Studies to carry on the work of the initiative on a permanent basis.

For information on upcoming events, see www.law.wisc.edu/files/eventsattheinstitute.htm.

Erlanger and Rogers Win Prestigious Awards

Law School Professors Howard S. Erlanger and Joel Rogers have each received prestigious university awards. Erlanger, the Voss-Bascom Professor of Law and Professor of Sociology and Director of the Law School's Institute for Legal Studies, received the UW System's Alliant Energy Underkofler Excellence in Teaching Award. Rogers, professor of law, political science and sociology, and founder and director of the Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS), received the UW-Madison's prestigious Hilldale Award.

Erlanger was selected by a UW System committee in recognition of his uncommon commitment to teaching and his especially effective teaching strategies, as reported by numerous colleagues and former students. He teaches in the areas of wills, trusts, marital property, estate planning, and socio-legal studies. Erlanger is the recipient of a number of awards for his teaching and research, including the Steiger Award from UW-Madison for excellence in teaching. He is President of the Law & Society Association, and has been the Review Section Editor of Law and Social Inquiry since 1982.

Rogers was selected by UW-Madison for excellence in teaching, research and service. Rogers joined the faculty in 1987 and has often been described as "the Wisconsin Idea in action." COWS, a research and policy center on regional economic development, has used Wisconsin as a test bed for several innovations in development practice that have since become national policy or recognized "best practices." Rogers is the author of more than two hundred articles and books on democratic theory, American politics, and comparative public policy. He is a contributing editor of The Nation and Boston Review, and the recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant. Newsweek recently identified him as one of the one hundred Americans most likely to shape U.S. politics and culture in the twenty-first century.