

Whitford Honored at LEO Banquet

The 38th annual banquet of the UW Law School's Legal Education Opportunities program on April 14, 2007, included a surprise award to Emeritus Professor Bill Whitford, recognizing his years of service and dedication to the Law School's nationally recognized program for recruiting and supporting students of color.

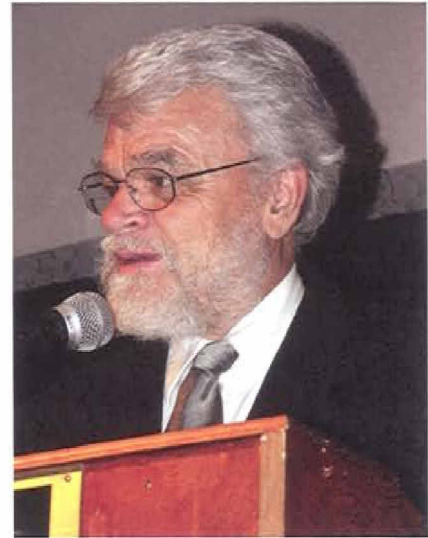
Co-chairs of the scholarship-granting LEO Enrichment Fund, Cory Nettles '96 and Eric Jackson '93, announced that scholarships provided by the fund will be called Whitford-LEO Fellowships. Alumni, faculty, and other friends of the Law School contribute to the fund, which is increasingly important in providing financial aid for

LEO students.

Whitford served as the chair of the LEO Committee from 1992–2002, as the first secretary of the Friends of LEO, and the administrator of the LEO Enrichment Fund for its first five years.

The annual LEO Banquet gathers past, present, and prospective students to reconnect and to celebrate diversity initiatives at the Law School. More than 400 people attended this year's banquet, which was organized by the Latino/a Law Student Association.

Keynote speaker was LEO alumnus Judge Hiram E. Puig-Lugo '88 of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.



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Carnegie Report Draws on Mertz Study

UW Law School Professor Elizabeth Mertz's newly published book, *The Language of Law School: Learning to 'Think Like a Lawyer'* (Oxford University Press), served as a major source of findings for an in-depth study by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that is making headlines with its critique of legal education in the U.S. and Canada.

The Carnegie Foundation report, "Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law," has caught media attention with its reexamination of the concept of "thinking like a lawyer." The Carnegie report relies heavily on Mertz's study of law school classroom dynamics. Senior Carnegie Foundation scholar

William M. Sullivan, one of the report's authors, wrote to Mertz about her book, "Your findings enriched and emboldened our analysis and conclusions."

Mertz's study involved taping and coding the entire first semester of Contracts classes in eight different law schools. Funded by the American Bar Foundation and the Spencer Foundation, this research tracked the linguistic details of exchanges in first-year law school classrooms

Elizabeth Mertz, who holds both a J.D. and a doctorate in anthropology with a focus on language, is a Senior Research Fellow at the American Bar Foundation as well as a Professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Thain Represents U.S. at TACD

Professor Gerald Thain was one of the U.S. representatives at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Trans-Atlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD), held March 10–13, 2007, in Brussels. Thain is a member of the Internet and Privacy working group.

TACD is an organization of European and U.S. consumer groups that, among other things, meet with representatives of the governments seeking pro-consumer and uniform laws and regulations dealing with matters of interest to consumers.