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— **Invitation and Call for Participation** —
MIDWEST LAW AND SOCIETY RETREAT
OCTOBER 8-9, 2010

Hosted by the Institute for Legal Studies at the University of Wisconsin

Proposal Deadline: June 1, 2010

Invitation: Graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars are cordially invited to the fifth Midwest Law and Society Retreat to be held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison on October 8-9, 2010. Sessions will take place at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street. To ensure that the Retreat remains informal and personal, attendance will be limited to 75 people. Advance registration with fee payment is required; early registration is strongly encouraged. Proposals should be submitted by June; the program will be substantially completed by July.

About the Event: In Fall 2002, the Institute for Legal Studies organized an interdisciplinary retreat that brought together faculty and graduate students from the region's diverse social science and law programs for a weekend of intellectual exchange and community building. By popular demand, the Retreat became a biennial event. (Past programs can be viewed at <http://law.wisc.edu/ils/midwestlaw.html>.) The 2010 Retreat will continue to offer opportunities for participants to share research ideas, discuss professional issues, receive feedback on works in progress, and develop future projects with regional colleagues. The program also will continue to place less emphasis on the traditional 'paper presentation' panel, and more emphasis on panels that deal with broad research issues, professional development, and the future of the field. The Institute encourages faculty to consider presenting on these topics, or just coming to the retreat to join in the discussion. Graduate students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to present their work to a supportive group of colleagues who can provide critical feedback, but they are also welcome to just attend as general participants.

Keynote and Overview: The opening session will begin at 3:00 pm on Friday, October 8th with a plenary address by Professor Barbara Welke of the University of Minnesota. Sessions will begin after the keynote address and will continue on Saturday, ending at about 4:00 pm.

Hotel Room Block – Reserve by Sept. 8th: Lowell Inn and Conference Center, 610 Langdon Street; \$89/single, \$99/double (rates include breakfast and parking). Call the front desk at (608) 256-2621; toll free: (866) 301-1753; or reserve a room online at <http://conferencing.uwex.edu/lodging.cfm>. Click on the link to online reservations, select "Conference or Event Block Reservations" and enter code MLR. Because this is a busy weekend on campus, reserve before the deadline – other downtown hotel rooms will be unavailable or unaffordable.

Housing subsidy available for graduate students: The Institute for Legal Studies will subsidize hotel rooms shared by graduate students who do not have outside funding. To arrange, please contact Pam Hollenhorst, Associate Director of the Institute for Legal Studies, before Sept. 8th at pshollen@wisc.edu.

Fees: A substantial part of the costs will be underwritten by the Institute for Legal Studies, with some support from participants' home institutions through a two-tiered registration fee. If you expect to be reimbursed from your home institution, please pay the full registration fee; if not, pay only the basic fee. The fee includes refreshments during the Retreat, a full dinner on Friday, and lunch on Saturday. (Hotel rooms are not included.)

Graduate Student or Independent Scholar: Full Fee \$75 / Basic Fee \$25

Faculty: Full Fee \$125 / Basic Fee \$50

Register for the Retreat online: <http://www.law.wisc.edu/ils/midwestlawregistration.html>