Heinz Klug Wins Romnes Faculty Fellowship Award

Professor Heinz J. Klug has been named the recipient of UW-Madison’s esteemed H.I. Romnes Faculty Fellowship. The award provides $50,000 in research support to an exceptional tenured faculty member. The primary criteria for the award are the quality, significance, and productivity of a scholar’s research, as well as outstanding teaching and service.

Klug’s fellowship incorporates numerous substantive areas of international law, including comparative work on land reform and international human rights with an emphasis on health issues. He served as an adviser to the World Health Organization during meetings on world-wide governmental access to medicines for their citizens within an international trade regime.

His political involvement with the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa resulted in his exile in 1979. He spent six years in Botswana, then came to the U.S. to pursue a law degree. When the politics in the area allowed, Klug returned to South Africa to help build the post-apartheid democracy, aided by his legal education in the area of constitutional law.

Klug has served on the secretariat of the African National Congress Land Commission and was a team member on the World Bank mission to South Africa on Land Reform and Rural Restructuring. He has also advised the South African government on water law and land tenure issues.

“The Law School is exceedingly proud of Professor Klug, and delighted that the campus shares our enthusiasm for his work, which combines the best in scholarship and service to the world, the very exemplar of the Wisconsin Idea,” commented R. Alta Charo, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development at UW Law School.

Klug’s current teaching areas include Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, and Property and International Natural Resources Law.

Law School Announces New Dean of Admissions

Michael A. Hall has been named the Law School’s new Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid following a nationwide search to fill the position. Hall took over as Interim Admissions Director this fall when long-time Admissions Director Beth Kransberger moved to California to join her family.

“Mike is an outstanding leader and an invaluable asset to this law school,” Dean Kenneth B. Davis, Jr. told the law school community in announcing the appointment. “He has done an outstanding job this year as the Interim Admissions Director, and we are very pleased that the Law School will continue to have the benefit of his energy, wit, talent and dedication on a permanent basis.”

Hall is a UW Law School graduate and was a well-known student leader. He was president of the Student Bar Association and the force behind the Law School’s success in winning the coveted Dean’s Cup back from the Medical School for several years. He also was a member of the Indigenous Law Students Association, worked in the Admissions Office organizing activities for prospective law students, and taught and developed the law curriculum for a summer program aimed at recruiting students to the UW.

Hall won both the George Young Memorial Award and the Bruce Beilfuss Memorial Scholarship. Both honors recognized his outstanding service to the law school community. In addition to his law degree, Hall has degrees in both political science and English: a B.A. from Montana State University, and an M.A. from St. Cloud State University. He was a college English instructor and a radio show host before coming to law school.