



Research Centers Newsletter, December 2018



J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History



2017 Hurst Summer Institute Fellows

come to Madison for a two week residential program to participate in seminars, meet other legal historians, and discuss their own work. The Institute allows the Fellows to make

The J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History is a biennial event sponsored by the Institute for Legal Studies in conjunction with the American Society for Legal History (ASLH). Each Hurst Institute is organized and chaired by a well-known legal historian and includes visiting senior scholars who lead specialized sessions. The program chair for the 2019 Hurst Institute will be Professor Mitra Sharafi.

For each Institute, a committee appointed by the ASLH reviews applications and selects 12 junior scholars from around the world as Institute Fellows. The Fellows

connections with those studying different areas of legal history and to network with some of the top legal historians in the field. The two-week program is structured but informal, and features discussions of core readings in legal history and analysis of the work of the participants in the Institute. Past fellows have praised the Institute for fostering an atmosphere of collegiality and providing their research with a renewed sense of purpose. The 2019 Hurst Institute will be held from June 10-22, 2019.

To learn more about the Hurst Summer Institute, please visit: https://law.wisc.edu/ils/hurst_institute.html

70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted 70 years ago on December 10, 1948 in the aftermath of World War II. The UDHR was followed by two treaties – International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The foundation laid by the UDHR for the development of human rights is monumental and December 10th is now celebrated as the World Human Rights Day. Because it was drafted 70 years ago, some question its efficacy for the world today.



To celebrate this milestone, the Human Rights Program at UW-Madison invited all undergraduates to participate in an essay competition on the theme “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the 21st Century.” The essay should highlight the role that human rights should play in our world today, and in the future. The topics are not limited to, but may include, Gender, Technology, or Migration. All essays must be original writing and sufficiently sourced. The winning essays will be published on our website.

In addition to having an awards ceremony for the winners, the HRP is organizing a panel discussion on the future of the UDHR on December 10th at 3:00pm in Lubar Commons (7200 Law). Sothy Tep, Member of Parliament for Takeo Province, Cambodia, will be the main speaker. Remarks will be made by Professor Alexandra Huneus and Attorney Hillary Vedvig. The event is co-sponsored by UNA Dane County and UNA UW-Madison. All are welcome!

Faculty Spotlight: Alta Charo



Professor Alta Charo

My work continues to focus on developing governance policies for emerging technologies, such as genome editing and synthetic biology. In the past, my attention has been drawn to human medical applications of genetic screening and gene therapy, which are regulated by the FDA. In some cases, the applications may be the subject of great controversy due to some of the source material, such as discarded embryos or fetal tissue remaining after an abortion. I continue to work on these topics with a particular interest in transnational governance.

More recently, my focus has expanded to other areas of biotechnology. For example, one project concerns the political and regulatory pathway for a new kind of meat that can be grown from stem cells, thus leading to a reduction in pollution due to large scale cattle grazing. Another project revolves around guidelines for development and use of “organoids,” which can be used for medical research. At times I find myself working with the Dept of Defense’ Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), on the development of human augmentation

devices such as prostheses. And over the last few years I have become increasingly involved with efforts by the Nuclear Threat Initiative and the US National Academy of Sciences to develop an effective governance regime that will preserve scientific research freedom while also guarding against nefarious uses, such as engineering new and deadlier pathogens. In the background is more traditional research, now focusing on the use and misuse of biological definitions in public policy, ranging from classifying athletes as male or female to debating whether genome editing can change the definition of “human.”

James B. MacDonald Distinguished Professorship

The James B. MacDonald Distinguished Professorship was established by EALSC in 1995 in honor of UW Law Professor James B. MacDonald. It is awarded to renowned scholars from East or Southeast Asia to teach short term at the Law School.

We are pleased to announce that the 2019 MacDonald Professor will be Junji Nakagawa, Professor of International Economic Law at the Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo. Professor Nakagawa researches international trade. His publications include *International Harmonization of Economic Regulation* (Oxford University Press, 2011) and *WTO: Beyond Trade Liberalization* (Iwanami Shoten, 2013). Professor Nakagawa will be visiting the Law School from February 25 - March 1, 2019. In addition to giving a public lecture, Professor Nakagawa will teach in Professor Jason Yackee's class on International Trade Law.



Professor Junji Nakagawa

Student Spotlight



Jake Lund (featured in the November newsletter) and Brian Cawley, EALSC Internship Program

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Brian Cawley, 2L

During the Summer of 2018, Brian Cawley interned at Chandler MHM Limited in Bangkok, Thailand as part of the internship program coordinated by the EALSC. During his time at Chandler, Brian was able to contribute to projects in most of the firm's major practice areas including international transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and securities. The bulk of his work was done with the firm's project finance team and related to natural resource use and energy, specifically in emerging economies in Southeast Asia. Outside of the office, Chandler provided the opportunity to attend events that gave interns a well-rounded understanding of the region as a

Brian found the experience of living in Bangkok for two months to be gratifying. He navigated various cultural differences and enjoyed the opportunity to travel throughout Asia. He recommends the internship experience to any 1L who may be interested.

Upcoming Events, News, and Announcements

- **December 5, 2018:** GLS Speaker Pablo Rueda-Saiz **(GLS)**
- **December 7, 2018:** The Institute for Legal Studies will be hosting a **Food & Agriculture Competition Roundtable**. For more information, please visit: <https://www.antitrustinstitute.org/event/2018foodagroundtable/> **(ILS)**
- **December 10, 2018:** Universal Declaration of Human Rights 70th Anniversary Celebration **(HRP)**
- **April 5, 2019:** Save the date for the annual **Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ) Symposium** entitled "Lawyers and Lawyering in China and Russia: Common Challenges" **(GLS)**
- **April 11, 2019:** The annual **Soffa Lecture** will be delivered by Dr. Brigitte Baptiste at the Pyle Center. **(HRP)**

For a complete list of upcoming events,
visit: <http://law.wisc.edu/researchcenters/events.html>