

UW Law School Earns “A” in *National Jurist* List of Top Public Interest Law Schools

The *National Jurist* ranked UW Law School at number 20 in its January 2011 article on the best public interest law schools in the country, earning the school an “A.”

Law schools make the Best Public Interest Law School ranking if they meet main criteria: have one or more public interest clinics; have one or more faculty committees/administrators that oversee public interest; and have a loan repayment assistance program.

With a longstanding commitment to public service and community involvement, the UW Law School offers an array of public interest-oriented courses, clinical opportunities, and student organizations. The Office of Career Services supports students interested in public interest careers through counseling, panel discussions, job postings, and more.

This commitment to public interest is at the heart of our “law in action” approach to teaching, in which students learn not just legal rules, but also why those rules evolved to address social concerns, and how those rules operate in the real world.

While Wisconsin isn’t the only school that offers courses featuring a broader, more socially aware view of law, it is the only school whose hallmark is the law-in-action approach to teaching.

LEO Banquet Features Alum Donald “Del” Laverdure JD ’90; Honors Dean and Students



Anthony Vera and Richard Greenlee of LEO join keynote speaker Del Laverdure in presenting Dean Davis with a Pendleton blanket for his years of dedication to the LEO organization.

The forty-second annual LEO banquet brought approximately 400 people to the Concourse Hotel in Madison on March 26, 2011.

This year’s banquet was held in conjunction with the Coming Together of the Peoples Conference, both of which were hosted by the Indigenous Law Student Association (ILSA). This year marked the 25th Anniversary of the Coming Together of the Peoples Conference, the oldest student-run conference on Indian law.

The keynote speaker for the LEO Banquet was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Donald “Del” Laverdure. Laverdure is a 1990 alum of the UW Law School and enrolled member of the Crow Tribe of Montana.

Laverdure’s keynote referenced his own experiences and personal journey to explain why keeping in touch with one’s cultural roots is so important as an attorney. He used photos to narrate his speech, telling the audience, “We must always remember where we come from.”

This year’s banquet differed from past events with the addition of two special recognitions. The first was for Kate Frigo, a third-year

student, who was honored by fellow classmate and LEO member Jimmy Anderson for her dedication and assistance to Anderson and his family after he suffered serious injuries from a car accident that occurred last year. The second recognition was given to Dean Davis by several from the Law School community, including LEO Committee Chair Peter Carstenson, Friends of the LEO Committee, and Laverdure. The recognition culminated in the presentation of a quilt from ILSA to Dean Davis for his service and support of the LEO Program and community.

In his remarks, Davis commented on the importance of the Program. “The LEO program and its members are today seen as integral and essential to the day-to-day life and fabric of our Law School,” he said, addressing the audience. “[You are] stewards of a tradition that through the energy, leadership and commitment of you and those who went before you can fairly claim a large share of credit for what makes this School—and in particular its sense of community—so special. You are, in other words, one of our bragging points. Never forget it.”

Gretchen Viney Honored with Marygold Melli Award

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Gretchen Viney

UW Law School Clinical Professor Gretchen Viney is the 2011 recipient of the Marygold Melli Achievement Award conferred by the Legal Association of Women (LAW) to recognize significant contributions to women in the law.

Viney, a 1978 graduate of UW Law School, serves as the Associate Director of the Law School's Lawyering Skills Program. Viney also teaches Client Interviewing & Counseling, Real Estate Transactions, and Guardian ad Litem Practice. She also maintains a part-time private practice.

Viney is recognized statewide for her work and expertise as a guardian ad litem for children, elders, and the disabled. Her practice includes guardian ad litem work, mediation, terminations of parental rights, and adoptions. Viney has been an active member of the State Bar of Wisconsin for more than thirty years, having served as the secretary and on numerous boards, committees, and divisions. She is also the past president of the Sauk County Bar Association.

The Melli Award is named in honor of Professor Emerita Marygold

(Margo) Shire Melli, who joined the UW Law School faculty in 1959 as the school's first woman tenure-track professor and went on to become a pioneer in the field of family law.

In announcing the award to Viney, LAW President Nelle Rohlich stated, "We are honored to name Ms. Viney as recipient of this award. Throughout her career, Ms. Viney has tirelessly promoted equality and social justice, advancing the interest of women in society, the legal profession, and the community."

Upon hearing the news of the award, Viney commented, "I was nominated by a former student who sees me as a role model for her and for other law students and lawyers. I never set out to be a role model, so I am somewhat surprised — although admittedly very honored — to be in this position. To have my name associated with Margo Melli is both uplifting and humbling."

2010 Teachers of the Year Named: Church, Pines, and Pray

Three individuals have been named 2010 Teachers of the Year by the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association (WLAA).

Professor **William Lawrence (Larry) Church** has been named the Law School's 2010 Classroom Teacher of the Year. Church is the Sherwood R. Volkmann-Bascom Teaching Professor. In recent years, his teaching has focused on constitutional law and property. He also co-teaches a Supreme Court seminar with his wife, Fredericka Paff, and has served as a longtime advisor to the *Wisconsin Law Review*. He holds a B.A. from Amherst College and his law degree from UW Law School, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and

was Order of the Coif. This is the fifth time Church has been elected Classroom Teacher of the Year, the most of any law professor. Professor Chuck Irish has summed up his friend and colleague's career best: "Larry is uniformly well regarded. His continued success makes it clear that it's what passes from him to the students that's key. The students feel that they are getting something very valuable."

Lester A. Pines has been named the 2010 recipient of the Warren H. Stolper Award, an honor that recognizes excellence in teaching and a commitment to the UW Law School on the part of an adjunct professor. Pines is a respected civil and criminal litigator who

has appeared in courts throughout Wisconsin and has litigated federal matters in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, and New York. He is a senior partner with Cullen Weston Pines & Bach LLP, where he leads the firm's litigation and appellate practices. His civil practice encompasses a wide range of areas, including commercial, employment, civil rights, and environmental law.

Pines developed the very popular Pre-trial Advocacy course with former clinical professor Steve Meili and other members of the UW Law School adjunct faculty, and has taught or co-taught the course since its creation.

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UW Law Welcomes New Clinic and Clinical Faculty



Kathleen Noonan

Last fall, the Law School welcomed three new clinical faculty members and a new clinical offering to its expansive catalog of real-life legal experiences for students.

The Legislative and Government Clinic (GLLC) was launched with its first group of students this spring. The GLLC provides students with the unique opportunity to observe and participate in the many facets of governmental law, policy, and the legislative process. Working under the direct supervision of clinical faculty and clients in legislative, administrative, and judicial settings, students gain first-hand experience collaborating with government clients on legal issues with policy significance.

Launching this new clinical opportunity is Professor **Kathleen Noonan**, who joins UW as a Clinical Associate Professor. Noonan has worked extensively at the intersection of health and welfare law and policy, especially as it relates to children. She has served as a court-appointed mediator in cases concerning Medicaid, child welfare, and mental health policies. Her written works have received

national attention. Noonan earned her B.S. in psychology from Barnard College, Columbia University, and her J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. She previously taught at Northeastern University School of Law and at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars program. She will teach Health Law and Administration at the Law School in addition to directing the clinic.

Professor **Kimberly Alderman** joined the Remington Center in August 2010 as a Clinical Assistant Professor to work with the Criminal Appeals Project and the Legal Assistance for Institutionalized Persons Project. Alderman earned her J.D. cum laude from Howard University, and then completed a judicial clerkship at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands on the Island of St. Croix. She then worked for a small firm in New Mexico, representing plaintiffs in civil rights cases and defendants in criminal cases. She has also completed an M.A. in International Art Crime Studies from the Association of Research into Crimes Against Art in Amelia, Italy.

Alderman has a scholarly interest in cultural property law, in particular how the illicit antiquities trade affects marginalized creator cultures in source nations.

Professor **Adam Stevenson** returns to the Remington Center as a Clinical Assistant Professor, and will work with the Oxford Federal Project and Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons (LAIP). Stevenson received his B.S. in economics and political science from UW-Madison, and earned his J.D. cum laude from the UW Law School in 2010. During his time in law school, Stevenson was a student intern with the Oxford Federal Project and a project assistant with LAIP, and also worked as a judicial intern for the Honorable Julie Genovese of the Dane County Circuit Court. Stevenson also worked on both civil and criminal litigation as a law clerk in private law practices. Stevenson's research focuses on the use of prior convictions to enhance an individual's sentence. He has also studied methods of early release, including the earned release mechanisms created in 2009 Wisconsin Act 28, the 2009-11 biannual Wisconsin budget.



Kimberly Alderman



Adam Stevenson



Ursula Weigold



Moji Olaniyan

This past year, the Law School welcomed two new administrators to help ensure that students graduate with a core set of legal skills that better prepare them to enter into the legal field.

Ursula Weigold joined the faculty in 2010 as the Director of Legal Research & Writing. Weigold has over twelve years of experience directing legal writing programs and fifteen years of teaching experience in legal research and writing, most recently at Cornell Law School. She has been working closely with the

administration and the faculty to reorganize the Legal Research & Writing program at UW Law School. Weigold will supervise the new program for first-year law students in which small-group professors, with the assistance of the administration and legal writing staff, featured a legal writing component in their course.

Moji Olaniyan serves as Assistant Dean for the new Academic Enhancement Program (AEP), which provides programs and activities to foster the pursuit of academic excel-

lence for all students. Olaniyan has a long history of working in higher education. Prior to joining the Law School, she worked in the Provost's Office at Cornell University, where she directed the Office of Minority Educational Affairs. She also previously served as the Deputy Associate Dean at the College of Letters and Science at UW-Madison, for which she supervised a group of academic deans. Additionally, Olaniyan served as the Chief Campus Judicial Officer at the California State University at Sacramento.

Introducing Two New Faces to Key Academic Departments

UW Law Welcomes New Faculty

Susannah Camic received her B.A. magna cum laude in economics & ethics and politics & economics from Yale University, where she also received an M.A. in political science as a Sterling Prize Fellow. She earned her J.D. at Yale University, where she was the executive editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation* and a student director of the Landlord-Tenant Clinic. While at Yale, Camic was the recipient of the Clifford L. Porter Prize for the best paper on taxation by a student at Yale Law School. Before joining the UW Law School Faculty, Camic practiced in the tax law group in the Washington, D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate Meagher & Flom LLP. Camic has published in the *Pittsburgh Tax Review* and the *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*. Camic's teaching focuses on tax law and policy.

Cecelia Klingele returned to the UW Law School, her alma mater, as a Visiting Assistant Professor in 2009. This past fall, Klingele became Assistant Professor. After receiving her J.D. in 2005, Klingele served as a law clerk to former Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. She then served as a clerk for Judge Susan H. Black of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and later clerked for Associate Judge John Paul Stevens

of the United States Supreme Court. Professor Klingele's academic research focuses on criminal justice administration, with an emphasis on sentencing and correctional supervision practices that aim to prevent crime and reduce reliance on incarceration as the primary response to criminal offending. Klingele teaches courses in criminal law, criminal procedure, and sentencing and corrections.

Jonathan Lipson returned to his alma mater as the Foley & Lardner Professor of Law. Lipson joins UW Law from Temple University's Beasley School of Law, where he was the Peter J. Liacouras Professor of Law. He previously taught at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and was a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Before becoming a professor, Lipson practiced corporate and commercial law with Milbank, Tweed Hadley & McCloy, Kirkland & Ellis, and Hill & Barlow. He has held a number of leadership positions with the American Bar Association, and was recently appointed to the Council of the Business Law Section. Lipson's research focuses on the role that informational and governance failures play in business distress and reorganization. Lipson teaches, among other courses, Bankruptcy, Contracts, Commercial Law, and a

deal-based transactional simulation. He also leads the Law School's new Business Law Initiative, a project intended to organize and advance the Law School's business law activities.

Mark Sidel joins the UW Law School as Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law from the University of Iowa, where he served as Professor of Law, Lauridsen Family Fellow, and Faculty Scholar. Professor Sidel's work focuses on comparative law in Asia, comparative constitutional law, and the nonprofit sector and philanthropy in the United States and overseas. His books include *Regulation of the Voluntary Sector: Freedom and Security in an Era of Uncertainty* (Routledge, 2009), and *Law and Society in Vietnam* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). Sidel has served as visiting professor of law at Harvard Law School, Melbourne Law School, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, and other institutions. He served earlier with the Ford Foundation in Beijing, Hanoi, Bangkok, and New Delhi, and has consulted with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other organizations. He recently completed service as President of the International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR), which works to strengthen research on civil society and the nonprofit sector.



Susannah Camic



Cecelia Klingele



Jonathan Lipson

Teachers of the Year *continued*

John Pray has been named the 2010 Clinical Teacher of the Year. Pray is the co-founder of the Wisconsin Innocence Project. Since its inception, the Wisconsin Innocence Project has been responsible for the release of twenty prisoners, each of whom had

been wrongly convicted of serious crimes. Pray also co-directs the Law School's Criminal Appeals Project, a clinical program that combines class work on appellate procedure, client-centered presentation on appeal, issue spotting, and persuasive writing with work on an actual criminal appeal assigned by the Wisconsin State Public

Defender's Office. Pray is a 1986 graduate of the UW Law School. After graduation, he joined the Law School as a clinical professor at the Frank J. Remington Center.



Successful Pairing

The Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic worked closely with Claus Moberg, whose company SnowShoe enables grocery store shoppers to access food sustainability information using a smartphone device. Pictured above are Claus Moberg (left) with student Richard Hankison.