





Fall 2009 Social Justice Thursdays and Other Events





August

- Mon. 24 **Centers' Orientation:** Introduction to the Centers: High Tech, International, and Social Justice at SCU at noon in Bannan 142
- 27 **Center for Social Justice and Public Service Law Welcome and Panel on Social Justice Law** at noon in Bannan 139
- 27 **Meet the Faculty Wine and Cheese Reception** (co-sponsored with the PI&SJ Coalition) – Social Justice Faculty and students at 5 p.m. in Strong Common




September

- Tue. 1 **Social Justice Workshop & Film Series** “Claiming the Title: Gay Olympics on Trial” (2009) – Guest commentator: Maureen Mason, San Francisco at 4:10 p.m. in Bannan 333
-  3 **Essential Issues** – *Introduction to Legal Education (Part I)* – Facilitators: Margalynne J. Armstrong & Stephanie M. Wildman at noon in Bannan 333
- Wed. 9 **Film Series** “Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story” (2000) – Facilitator Margaret Russell at noon in Bannan 139
-  10 **Speaker Series** – Balám Letona (The Law Office of Balám Letona), *Consumer Rights: The Promise of a Law School Education & A Trial of Debt Collection Abuse & Harassment* at noon in Bannan 139
-  17 **Constitution Day Supreme Court 2008-09 Term Review** – Facilitator Brad Joondeph at noon in Bannan 139
-  24 **Speaker Series** – *Funding Summer Work: Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board Summer Grants, LGBT Grants, and Stevens Fellowships Information Session* with Ken Manaster, Richard Berg, and Vicki Huebner at noon in Bannan 139
- Fri. 25 **2009 Annual Benefit for Justice** Annual Fundraiser for the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board at 5 p.m. in the Williman room in the Benson Memorial Center

October

-  1 **Diversity Lecture – Devon Carbado** (UCLA) *After Obama: Three Post-Racial Challenges* at 4 p.m. in Wiegand, Arts & Sciences followed by a wine & cheese reception after the lecture.
- Mon. 5 **Supreme Court 2009-10 Term Preview** – Facilitator Brad Joondeph with panelists Margaret Russell, Angelo Ancheta, and Ed Steinman at noon in Bannan 127
-  8 **Essential Issues** – *Introduction to Legal Education (Part II) and Tort Law* – Facilitator: Jean Love at noon in Bannan 333
- 8 **Social Justice Workshop** – Kenneth Upton (Lambda Legal Defense), *Public Interest Lawyering for LGBT Rights: The Lambda Experience* at 4:10 p.m. in Bannan 333
-  15 **Film Series** “The Supreme Court: The Rehnquist Revolution” (2007) – Facilitator Margalynne J. Armstrong at 4:30 p.m. in Bannan 331
- 22 **Social Justice Workshop** – Abby Rubenfeld (Rubenfeld Law Office), *Lawyering for LGBT Rights: From New York to Nashville* at 4:10 p.m. in Bannan 333
- Tue. 27 **Law Schools Day - ABA National Pro Bono Celebration** at noon in Bannan 139
- 29 **Pro Bono Fair** in San Francisco
-  29 **Speaker Series** – Cherri Allison (Family Violence Law Center), *Eliminating Domestic Violence: A Social Justice Challenge* at noon in Bannan 139
- 29 **Social Justice Workshop** – Matthew Coles (Director, LGBT & AIDS Project of American Civil Liberties Union), *Lawyering for LGBT Rights: A 30 Year Perspective* at 4:10 p.m. in Bannan 333

November

-  5 **Essential Issues** – *Criminal Law* – Facilitator Ellen Kreitzberg at noon in Bannan 333
-  5 **Social Justice Workshop** – Kate Kendell (Executive Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights), *Public Interest Lawyering: The NCLR Experience* at 4:10 p.m. in Bannan 333
- 12-13 **Visiting Practitioner – Hina Shamsi** (Senior Advisor, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions) Sign up for office hours and 5 p.m. wine and cheese reception on Nov. 12, 2009 in Strong Common
-  12 **Speaker Series** – Social Justice Visiting Practitioner: Hina Shamsi, (Senior Advisor, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions), *National Security and Human Rights: The Challenges Ahead* at noon in Bannan 139
- Fri. 20 **Social Justice Case Study Conference** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bannan 334

Center for Social Justice & Public Service Santa Clara Law

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Welcome to Santa Clara Law!

From Stephanie M. Wildman (Director and Professor), Margalynne J. Armstrong (Associate Academic Director and Associate Professor), Deborah Moss-West (Assistant Director), and Ivy Flores (Program Coordinator)

Santa Clara Law has named public interest and social justice as an area of specialization and excellence. The Center for Social Justice and Public Service provides a locus for public interest and social justice study and service at the law school. This calendar previews the Center's Fall 2009 events.

The Center builds a community for students, faculty, lawyers, and others who care about public interest and social justice. Faculty teaching, scholarship, and service in the public interest and social justice field provide extraordinary resources. The Center supports faculty and student scholarship emphasizing the use of law and the legal system to improve the lives of marginalized, subordinated, and underrepresented members of society. Santa Clara Law's clinical programs promote the integration of theory and practice in the social justice arena.

The entire campus community is welcome at Center events, not just students who specialize in this area of law. To receive regular announcements of Center events, please sign up for the e-mail list at law.scu.edu/blog/socialjustice/subscribe.cfm.

Note to Evening Division Students

Evening students are welcome at all Center events. Several Fall events are particularly accessible to evening division student schedules. Aug. 27 Meeting Faculty Reception at 5 p.m.; Oct. 1 Fall Diversity Lecture at 4 p.m.; Sept. 25 Benefit for Justice, 5 to 8 p.m.; Nov. 12 Visiting Practitioner Reception at 5 p.m., and Social Justice Workshop lectures at 4:10 p.m. Videos of Fall events will be available. Contact the Center for Social Justice for viewing arrangements.

The Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition (PI&SJC)

The Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition is a student-run organization that seeks to raise awareness about social justice issues and to provide support for students interested in this area of the law.

The 2009-10 PI&SJC board members include *Co-Chairs* Rachel Leff-Kich and Monica Guzman; *Program Coordinator* Malia Vella; *Law Board Representative* Shauvi Rogers; *Treasurer* Bruce Yen; and *Communications Coordinator* Da'Niel Rowen.



Social Justice Thursdays Speaker Series – Noon in Bannan 139

Joining theory and practice, the Center sponsors a lunchtime speakers' series on contemporary social justice issues. Speakers include local attorneys who describe their practices as well as scholars who discuss recent work. Food will be provided during the event. Contact the Center for Social Justice at 551.1720 or socialjustice@scu.edu to sign up for lunch after the program with speakers.



Social Justice Thursdays Essential Issues – Noon in Bannan 333

The Social Justice Thursdays Essential Issues series enriches the first-year curriculum by providing law students with a forum in which to discuss social justice issues, alternate perspectives on legal education, and first-year subject areas. Readings are available in the Library and outside the Faculty Support Office, 214 Bergin Hall. A light lunch will be provided.



Social Justice Diversity Lecture – Thurs., Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

Devon Carbado (UCLA – School of Law), *After Obama: Three Post-Racial Challenges*
Professor Carbado writes in the areas of critical race theory, employment discrimination, criminal procedure, constitutional law, and identity. The lecture will be held at 4 p.m. in Wiegand, Arts & Sciences followed by a Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition Wine and Cheese Reception.

Social Justice Visiting Practitioner – Nov. 12 and 13

Hina Shamsi (Senior Advisor, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions), *National Security and Human Rights: The Challenges Ahead*. Thur. Nov. 12 at noon in Bannan 139. Limited space is available for lunch with Ms. Shamsi at 1 p.m. E-mail socialjustice@scu.edu or call 551.1720 to sign up for the lunch group. Reception 5 to 6 p.m., Strong Common, co-hosted with PI&SJ Coalition. Office Hours: Ms. Shamsi will hold office hours for students interested in social justice practice on Thur., Nov. 12th and Fri., Nov. 13th. E-mail socialjustice@scu.edu or call 551-1720 to sign up to meet with her.

Social Justice Workshop: Sexuality and the Law – 4:10 p.m. Bannan 333

This seminar, led by Santa Clara Law Professor Patricia Cain, will focus on the role of public interest lawyers in civil rights movements and will include guest speakers throughout the semester who are lawyers with some of the key national public interest law firms litigating for LGBT rights. The course will focus primarily on issues of discrimination, family law, constitutional rights to equality and liberty, and First Amendment issues.



Social Justice and Con Law Issues Film Series – Social Justice Documentaries

- *Claiming the Title: Gay Olympics on Trial* (2009) - This film tells the story of the San Francisco athletic group that tried to hold a "Gay Olympics," instigating a battle at the nation's highest court and a challenge over the place of gays and lesbians.
- *Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story* (2000) – An Emmy award-winning documentary about the human story behind *Korematsu v. United States* and the 1980's reopening of the case by Bay Area lawyers.
- *The Supreme Court: The Rehnquist Revolution* (2007) – The Rehnquist Revolution details the extraordinary opportunity availed by President Richard Nixon to name four of the Court's nine judges, effectively replacing almost half of the Warren court.