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Alumni in the YLSA of Central Connecticut warmed up this past November at Hot Tomato’s in Hartford, Connecticut, where they had an informal lunch with Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law Dan Kahan, who spoke on “Shame: A Novel Approach to Punishment.” The lunch featured a short address and plenty of time to discuss Professor Kahan’s theories.

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