

# news in brief



## Bernstein Fellowship Program Celebrated

FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, Bernstein Fellows have ventured out into the world to devote themselves for twelve months to full-time human rights work. They have travelled around the globe—from the U.S. to Haiti to South Africa to Egypt—addressing a wide spectrum of human rights issues. Many of those fellows returned to the Law School this spring for the annual Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Symposium and a special surprise tribute to Bob Bernstein, for whom the Bernstein Fellowship is named.

Yale Law School faculty, former and current Bernstein fellows, colleagues, alumni, and Bernstein family members gathered in March for the tribute to Bernstein—a man who has devoted his life to the defense of freedom of expression and the protection of victims of injustice and abuse throughout the world.

### A Champion of Human Rights

Bernstein has been a leader in the development of the international human rights movement, most famously as the founder and longtime chair of Human Rights Watch. In the words of Harold Hongju Koh, Sterling Professor of International Law, Bernstein is “a happy warrior, a visionary leader, and a political genius.”

“Few have expanded the frontiers of human freedom as Bob Bernstein has,” Dean Robert C. Post ’77 added at the tribute dinner. “He is an American hero whose remarkable life and generosity are simply beyond description.”

Bernstein served as chairman of the Association of American Publishers (1972–73) and was the founder and chairman of its Committee on International Freedom to Publish (1973–76). He founded the Fund for Free Expression in 1975 and was its chairman until 1990. Bernstein played a leading role in the campaign to protect Soviet Jews. More recently, he has been a strong advocate for the respect of human rights in China and is chair of the board of the organization Human Rights in China.

Bernstein’s tremendous contribution to the human rights movement has been complemented by his prominent career as a publisher, which began in 1946 at Simon & Schuster. He joined Random House in 1957 and went on to serve as vice president, president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the board.

The Bernstein Fellowship was established at Yale Law School in 1997 to honor Bernstein as a tireless champion of human rights. Started by Bernstein’s wife, Helen, and their three sons, Peter, Tom, and William, the fellowship is supported by Bernstein’s family, friends, and colleagues and administered by the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights at Yale Law School.

There are three Bernstein International Human Rights Fellows for 2014–15: Megan Corrarino ’13, who will be working at Human Rights First in New York on the Pillar Project; Kyle Delbyck ’14, who will join the Balkans Investigative Reporting Network in Sarajevo; and Stephanie Kim ’14, who will be in Washington, DC, doing research and advocacy work for Human Rights Watch as part of the Refugee Rights Program.

“For nearly two decades, these programs have been a vital part of the life of our community, carrying forward the causes that have defined this law school since its founding and that have given us an enduring purpose: the ideal of human rights, the value of the rule of law, and, above all, the necessity of service,” Dean Post said.



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This year’s Bernstein Symposium, held at Yale Law School on March 27 and 28, centered on discussion of **“Human Rights in the Streets.”**

“The arrival of leaderless politics raises new questions for the human rights community, which has traditionally focused on governmental abuse of power,” said Paul Kahn ’80, Robert W. Winner Professor of Law and the Humanities, and director, Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights.

The symposium featured panels of distinguished scholars and advocates discussing the future of dissent, new forms of political leadership, whether violence is inevitable following mass political movements, and whether there is a role for international intervention once politics take to the streets.



## FACULTY

## Robert C. Post Reappointed Dean

THIS SPRING, Yale University President Peter Salovey announced the reappointment of Robert C. Post '77 as dean of Yale Law School, effective July 1, 2014, for a term of three years.

“Building on the Law School’s commitment to scholarship, Dean Post helped develop the first PhD in Law program in the United States,” Salovey said. “He has also worked to assure the financial future

of the Law School, including securing a \$25 million gift to help return residential living to YLS.”

Post joined the Yale Law School faculty in 2003 as David Boies Professor of Law, specializing in the area of constitutional law, including the First Amendment, equal protection, and legal history. Appointed in 2009, he serves as the sixteenth dean of Yale Law School.

## APPOINTMENTS

## Issa Kohler-Hausmann and Anika Singh Lemar Join Faculty

ISSA KOHLER-HAUSMANN '08 and Anika Singh Lemar joined the Yale Law School faculty on July 1, 2014. Kohler-Hausmann, associate professor of law, holds a BA from University of Wisconsin—Madison and an MA from Northwestern University. She earned a JD from Yale Law School and a PhD from New York University. Her primary interests are in criminal law, criminal procedure, empirical legal studies, tort law, sociology of law, and legal theory. She will teach a sociology of law seminar during the 2014–15 academic year.

Anika Singh Lemar joined the faculty as clinical associate professor of law.

Previously, while in private practice in New Haven, she represented clients in land use matters, affordable housing development, and urban revitalization efforts. Lemar holds a BA from Yale University and a JD from New York University School of Law. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Janet C. Hall of the United States District Court in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Lemar will teach the Community and Economic Development Clinic during the 2014–15 academic year.



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## HONORS

## George Priest, John Witt Elected to AAAS

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation’s most prestigious honorary societies, has elected Professors George L. Priest and John Fabian Witt '99 to its 2014 Class of Members.

George L. Priest is the Edward J. Phelps Professor of Law and Economics and Kauffman Distinguished Research Scholar in Law, Economics, and Entrepreneurship. Priest has focused his research over the past two decades on antitrust, the opera-



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tion of private and public insurance, and the role of the legal system in promoting economic growth. He joined the Law School in 1981 and is co-director of the John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics and Public Policy, which facilitates the scholarly work of the Yale law and economics faculty and supports student interest and research in the field.

John Fabian Witt '99 is the Allen H. Duffy Class of 1960 Professor of Law. His most recent book, *Lincoln’s Code: The Laws of War in American History*, was awarded the 2013 Bancroft Prize, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, was selected for the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award, and was a *New York Times* Notable Book for 2012. In 2010 he was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for his project on the laws of war in American history. Witt is a graduate of Yale Law School and Yale College, and he holds a PhD in history from Yale.

## FACULTY

## John Langbein Recognized for Legal Writing



Disappearance of Civil Trial in the United States” (122 Yale Law Journal 522).

STERLING PROFESSOR of Law and Legal History John Langbein was selected as a 2013 Honoree for Exemplary Writing by the *Green Bag*, a quarterly journal dedicated to good writing about the law. Langbein was honored for his 2012 article “The



## Nicholas Parrillo Wins Hurst Award

THE LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION has given the J. Willard Hurst Award, for the year’s best work in English on socio-legal history, to Professor Nicholas R. Parrillo '04 for his book *Against the Profit Motive: The Salary Revolution in American Government, 1780–1940* (Yale University Press, 2013). The citation for the Hurst Award calls *Against the Profit Motive* “a thought-provoking, novel, and magisterial account” that “reconstructs an unfamiliar historical world and persuasively explains the emergence of key features of modern governance.” Parrillo teaches administrative law, legislation, remedies, and American legal history, as well as seminars on public management and privatization.



## AWARD

## J. L. Pottenger Receives CT Fair Housing Center Award

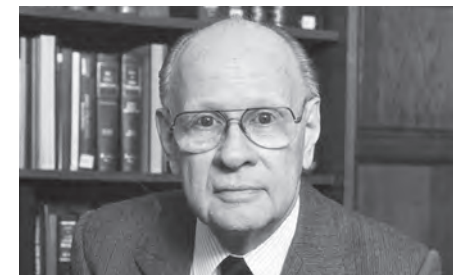
THE CONNECTICUT FAIR HOUSING Center gave its George and Patricia Ritter Pro Bono Award to J. L. Pottenger Jr. '75 at the Center’s Civil Rights Award Dinner in May.



Pottenger, the Nathan Baker Clinical Professor of Law, teaches clinics on housing and community development, mortgage foreclosure litigation, legislative advocacy, trial practice, landlord-tenant law, prosecution externship, and professional responsi-

bility. The George and Patricia Ritter Pro Bono Award is presented to individuals and law firms that have assisted the Center’s legal staff on important cases in recent years or otherwise contributed their time and talent to the Center.

Pottenger’s Mortgage Foreclosure Litigation Clinic has filed *amici* briefs in the Supreme Courts of Maine and North Carolina, and the California Appellate Court, this academic year. The Landlord-Tenant Clinic, which is also supervised by Pottenger, filed an *amicus* brief in the Connecticut Supreme Court last year.



## IN MEMORIAM

## Law School Mourns the Loss of Professor Quintin Johnstone

AS THE YALE LAW REPORT went to press, we were saddened to receive news of the death of Quintin Johnstone '51 JSD. The Justus S. Hotchkiss Professor Emeritus of Law, Johnstone was an expert in property, land transactions, and professional responsibility and the legal profession. He began teaching at Yale Law School in 1955 as a visiting professor and is credited with helping pioneer the development of the land use finance seminars in the School’s curriculum. As recently as April, the Connecticut Bar Association awarded Johnstone with its Tapping Reeve Legal Educator Award, in honor of his sustained commitment and significant contributions to the cause of legal education. A full obituary will be published in the winter issue of the *Law Report*.



Dean Robert Post '77 celebrated the end of the 2013–14 academic year with the Law School’s PhD students and Gordon Silverstein (at right), assistant dean for graduate programs.



## Harold Hongju Koh Honored with Humanitarian Award

STERLING PROFESSOR of International Law Harold Hongju Koh delivered the Klatsky Endowed Lecture in Human Rights and received the 2014 Frederick K. Cox International Law Center Humanitarian Award for Advancing Global Justice on March 18 at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. The lecture was titled “21st Century Problems—20th Century International Law.”



## INTERNATIONAL LAW

## 2014 Middle East Legal Studies Seminar: Transformations

YALE LAW SCHOOL'S Middle East Legal Studies Seminar celebrated its seventeenth year with a meeting this past January in New Haven. The focus of this year's conference was "Transformations" and included discussions on "The Second Arab Awakening: The Battle for Pluralism"; "Kuwait at the Crossroads: Reform or Stagnation"; "Woman as Victim/ Woman as Leader"; "The Politics of Ulema"; "Sovereignty, Identity, and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"; "Judicial Independence and Democratic Transitions"; "The Fate of Law in Post-Revolutionary Egypt"; and "The Legitimacy of Violence."

"Along with providing a unique setting to connect lawyers, judges, journalists, and scholars from across the Middle East, MELSS has also been a terrific opportunity for Yale Law students," said MELSS participant Aziz Rana '06, associate professor of law at Cornell Law School. "Since its earliest days, students have played a central role in organizing and attending the conference. For many students interested in legal scholarship, the conference has also provided a great initial setting to present work and receive unvarnished but con-



(front, from left) George Priest, Edward J. Phelps Professor of Law and Economics; Frank Griffel, Professor of Islamic Studies; Nadia Marzouki, Jean Monnet Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence; and Anthony Kronman '75, Sterling Professor of Law.

structive feedback. MELSS has forged an intellectual community that cuts across cultural backgrounds and academic disciplines."

Inaugurated by Yale Law School professors Anthony Kronman '75 and Owen Fiss in 1998, MELSS was, at the time of its first meeting, unusual in its aim to bring together a diverse group of Middle Eastern scholars for discussions of potentially volatile legal issues. Over time, the group has been brought together around shared experiences and common ideas about the

importance of law in the region. From only a few members, MELSS (which maintains its intimacy and focus by invitation-only membership) has grown to number more than sixty. Participants from many Arab states (including Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, and the Palestinian Territories), Israel, Iran, and Turkey attend.

"Throughout the Arab Spring and the Arab Fall, the basic goal of this seminar has remained constant: the discovery of common ground," Dean Robert Post '77 remarked to those assembled for MELSS this year. "It is undeniable that common ground has remained elusive for the region," he continued. "And yet, as you have in the past few days grappled with courage and candor about fundamental issues, you have created something rare and special. You have constructed your own region because you have affirmed your own community. And community, in the face of dispossession and despair and division, is a precious thing. Across borders, and now across decades, this seminar has been a model of friendship and frankness. These twin virtues do not often coexist, and when they do, something rare and something very valuable is afoot."



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MELSS photograph by Harold Shapiro

## POLICY

## National Security Class Meets with DC Policymakers

STUDENTS IN Professors Harold Hongju Koh and Oona Hathaway's National Security Lawyering class took a four-day trip to Washington, DC, this spring, where they met with policymakers in various executive and legislative bodies to present their findings from a semester's worth of study into deep questions on pressing national security issues.

Koh and Hathaway designed "National Security Lawyering" as a "cleminar" (mixed clinic/seminar), which aims to break down the barrier that too often exists between academia and practice.

"Professors Koh and Hathaway introduced the class to some remarkable policymakers with hard questions for eager law students—important and pressing questions that they didn't have time to explore," explained Michael Shih '14, who along with Julia Brower '14 served as a teaching assistant for the course.

The course began with confidential conversations between individual policymakers in various federal agencies or branches of government, with the policymakers identifying issues on which outside legal input and research would be valuable. With this background, students were able to select topics for their individual seminar papers. Each student not only wrote the typical thirty- to forty-page academic paper, but also wrote a page-long version of their argument that they could share with lawyers and policymakers. The exercise forced students to condense their key contributions into a single page—a useful challenge for students more accustomed to academic writing.

Once the papers were completed, it was time to travel to DC to make presentations to the officials, who gained thoughtful, well-researched input on difficult legal topics from some of the country's top law students, while the students benefitted from the experience of being in a room with those in the business of national security lawyering.



Professor Oona Hathaway '97 and students in DC this spring

## SFALP Students Assist in California Lead Paint Case

AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS, ten California jurisdictions recently received a \$1.1 billion verdict in a victory over three manufacturers of lead-based paint. Students in the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP) have worked closely with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office on this case since 2006, making it one of SFALP's longest-running projects.

The battle broke new legal ground and consumed years of work by public and private attorneys, the City and County of San Francisco, along with Santa Clara County, Los Angeles County, and seven other California cities. The victory came in the form of the judgment from the Honorable Judge James P. Kleinberg of Santa Clara Superior Court, who ruled in December 2013 that three manufacturers of lead-based paints are jointly liable for the cost of removing their products from homes around the state.

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The landmark decision bucks a trend seen in other states by holding that the Sherwin-Williams Company, NL Industries, Inc., and ConAgra Grocery Products Company are liable under the doctrine of public nuisance, a type of claim that is brought by governments rather than individual citizens because the harm alleged is so widespread and damaging.



The seventh annual Stan Wheeler Memorial Jazz Concert took place April 6, 2014, featuring the Yale Jazz Ensemble and the Reunion Jazz Ensemble. Wheeler was a longtime member of the Yale University and Law School faculties.



## PUBLIC INTEREST

## Yale Law Students, Graduates Garner Record Number of Fellowships

FORTY-FOUR STUDENTS and recent graduates were named recipients of public interest fellowships for 2014–2015.

Thirty of the recipients will receive Yale Law School public interest postgraduate fellowships through programs that include the YLS Public Interest Fellowship, the Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship, the Robert L. Bernstein Fellowships in International Human Rights, the Ford Foundation Fellowship, the Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship, the Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship, the Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights, and the YLS Permanent Court of Arbitration Fellowship. Fourteen will pursue public interest work through fellowship programs funded by outside organizations.

A record-setting number of Yale Law students and recent graduates have been selected as recipients of the 2014 **Skadden Public Interest Fellowships**. Seven of the twenty-eight recipients this year—which include graduating law students and judi-

cial clerks from around the country—are connected to Yale Law School and will be devoting the next two years of their professional careers to public interest work.

This year's selection by the Skadden Foundation represents the highest number of fellowships awarded to Yale Law School students and graduates annually since it began in 1989. This year's list also includes more Yale Law School fellows than any other law school in the country. The new Yale Law School Skadden Fellows are Peter Chen '13, Jason Glick '12, Dermot Lynch '12, Lindsay Nash '10, Aadithi Padmanabhan '14, Gillian Quandt '14, and Ariel Stevenson '14.

Four current Yale Law School students received **Equal Justice Works Fellowships** this year: Sparky Abraham '14, Alicia LeVezu '14, Travis Silva '13, and Alaina Varvaloucas '14.

Former Law School students Ed McCarthy '12 and Caitlin Miner-Le Grand '13 received inaugural fellowships from the **Immigrant Justice Corps**, the country's first fellowship program dedicated to meeting the need for high-quality legal assistance for immigrants seeking citizenship and fighting deportation. The fellowships were first conceived by the Honorable Robert Katzmman '80, chief

judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in response to the urgent need for legal representation of immigrants within the U.S. justice system.

Chase Sacket '14 received a two-year **Presidential Management Fellowship**, a leadership development program aimed at establishing a cadre of potential government leaders through placements and trainings within various Federal agencies.

Two current Yale Law School students and one incoming student have been named **Paul & Daisy Soros New American Fellows**. Sundeep Iyer '16, Richard Tao '15, and Khalil Tawil '17 are among the 30 new fellows who were selected from more than 1,200 applicants. Since the program's inception in 1997, 71 fellowships have been awarded to Yale University students. Of those 71 fellows, 53 have been JD students at Yale Law School, according to the Paul and Daisy Soros Foundation.

## Trial Advocacy Team Wins National Championship

FOR THE FIRST TIME in thirty-five years, Yale Law School has won the National Trial Competition, a nationwide tournament testing trial advocacy abilities. More than 300 teams competed in the tournament at the regional level. The twenty-eight teams that won their regional tournaments were offered a spot at the national championship held in Austin, Texas. After six trials in three days, Yale was awarded the national title.

Yale's team included John James "J.J." Snidow '14, who gave opening statements on both sides of the case, Hank Moon '14, who closed for the defense, and Ben Wallace '16, who closed for the plaintiff. In addition to the national championship trophy, the team was awarded an endowed prize of \$10,000.



Yale Law School won the National Trial Competition in Austin, TX. Photograph courtesy of the Texas Young Lawyers Association



## LIMAN COLLOQUIUM

## Punishment, Circa 2014: The State of Corrections

The 17th annual Liman Public Interest Colloquium, *Isolation and Reintegration: Punishment Circa 2014*, was held at the Law School in April. The colloquium invited participants to reframe the practices of punishment in the twenty-first century.

The colloquium opened with a discussion of how various institutions promote or diminish the inclusion of incarcerated people. *The State of Corrections and Its Alternatives* included the directors of two state correction departments—Harold Clarke, director of the Virginia Department of Corrections, and Rick Raemisch, director of the Colorado Department of Corrections. They were joined by the Honorable Patti Saris, who chairs the U.S. Sentencing Commission and is the chief judge of the Federal District Court of Massachusetts, and the Honorable Myron Thompson '72, who has been on the federal bench as a U.S. district judge for the District of Alabama since 1980, and by Nicholas Turner '96, president of the Vera Institute of Justice.

The second panel, *Visiting Prisons* drew on the Liman Program's report *Prison Visitation Policies: A Fifty State Survey*, to be published as part of a symposium in the *Yale Law and Policy Review*. Discussants included Aaron Littman '14, one of the student authors of the study, and other authors of articles in the symposium; David Fathi, who directs the ACLU National Prison Project; Giovanna Shay '97, professor of law, Western New England School of

Law and the chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Criminal Justice; A. T. Wall II '80, director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections and the president of the Association of State Correctional Directors; and Paul Wright, president and founder of *Prison Legal News*. Andrea Armstrong '07, associate professor at Loyola Law School, moderated the discussion, which focused on what might be done to address the barriers to increased social connections between people in prison and those on the outside.

Conversation centered on the isolation—geographic, social, psychological, political—of prisoners and pathways for change, both immediate and long-term.

The event continued the following day as a roundtable with corrections leaders from six states, judges, policymakers, advocates, lawyers, and scholars from many disciplines. A number of former Liman Fellows, who now practice or research in the area of prisons, participated. The group was diverse on many levels but shared a commitment to changing the current state of punishment. Liman students prepared a book of readings to provide a foundation for the day-long session. Conversation centered on the isolation—geographic, social, psychological, political—of prisoners and pathways for change, both immediate and long-term. The book, made possible through the support of the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund, will be available on the Liman website.

The event dovetailed with recent work by the Liman Program to improve opportunities for women prisoners in the federal system and to reduce isolation in state and federal prisons. A team of students, in collaboration with other organizations, worked to prevent the closure of FCI Danbury, the only women's federal prison in the Northeast. Another student team researched regulations governing the use of long-term isolation in forty-eight jurisdictions. Their research was the basis for testimony to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, which in February 2014, held a bipartisan hearing, *Reassessing Solitary Confinement II: The Human Rights, Fiscal and Public Safety Consequences*.

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## East Haven Settlement Secures Groundbreaking Immigration Policy

Civil rights plaintiffs in *Chacón v. East Haven Police Department* announced a groundbreaking settlement with the town of East Haven in early June. The town will pay plaintiffs \$450,000 and has agreed to adopt a new wide-ranging policy, which limits the EHPD's involvement in the enforcement of civil immigration laws, including making East Haven the first jurisdiction in Connecticut to decline to enforce any immigration detainers. The Law School's **Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic** represented the plaintiffs with David Rosen '69.

## YLS Clinics Win Class Action Suit Against ICE

In May, a federal judge ordered that Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) must provide bond hearings to immigrants who have been mandatorily detained for longer than six months in Massachusetts, a population that includes many residents of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. Students from the **Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic** and the **Veterans Legal Services Clinic** represent the named plaintiff and serve as class counsel.

## MFIA Clinic Challenges Execution Secrecy

Yale Law School's **Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic (MFIA)** filed suit on behalf of the *Guardian*, the Associated Press, and three local Missouri newspapers, challenging Missouri's refusal to disclose the drugs that it plans to use in future lethal injections. The suit argues that the state's efforts to keep this information secret violates the public's First Amendment right of access, as well as Missouri's own sunshine laws.



## New Clinic Report Calls for Reform of South Africa's Compensation System for Mine Workers Suffering from Lung Disease

Mine workers in South Africa have some of the highest rates of occupational lung disease in the world. Over many decades, this lung disease has left hundreds of thousands of men disabled, in penury, or dead. Under South African law, these men and their families are entitled to financial compensation, but only a small proportion of them ever receive it. A report released by the **Global Health Justice Partnership**, a joint initiative of Yale Law School and Yale School of Public Health, explores solutions.

The *Daily Show with Jon Stewart* featured a segment highlighting the efforts of YLS clinical students fighting for Vietnam vets with PTSD who erroneously received an other-than-

honorable discharge and are ineligible for benefits and treatment. Abigail Graber '14 and Jennifer McTiernan '15, from Yale Law School's **Veterans Legal Services Clinic**, were interviewed by correspondent Jason Jones along with two Vietnam combat veterans who also serve as plaintiffs in a nationwide class action suit filed by the clinic in March.



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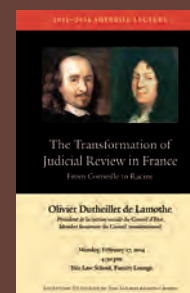
The **Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic**, in conjunction with the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, released two reports on homelessness in the United States: "Welcome Home: The Rise of Tent Cities in the United States" and "Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading: Homelessness in the United States Under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights."

## Connecticut Enacts Landmark Veterans Employment Law

In early June, Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy signed into law a sweeping piece of veterans employment legislation that will ease the transition from war to the workforce for Connecticut's 250,000 veterans. Yale Law School's **Veterans Legal Services Clinic** drafted and advocated for the law on behalf of its client, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center.

## SPRING CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

# Visiting the Law School



**Olivier Duthéillet de Lamothe**, a former justice of the French Constitutional Council, and current president of the Social Chamber of the Conseil d'État, delivered the Sherrill Lecture on February 17: "The Transformation of Judicial Review in France: From Corneille to Racine."



**Dr. Shirin Ebadi**, a Nobel Laureate and the first woman president of Tehran's city court, delivered the Gruber Distinguished Lecture in Global Justice at Yale Law School on March 3 on "Human Rights in the Muslim

World." Dr. Ebadi was awarded the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for her work on behalf of Iranian children, women, and political prisoners.

*"Governments should be separate from ideologies, and elected representatives of the people should determine the laws that govern them."*



Connecticut Governor **Dannel P. Malloy** was joined by Professor Abbe Gluck '00 for a lecture entitled "Law, Politics, and Social Change," sponsored by the American Constitution Society on March 10.



**Andrew W. Lo**, a professor at MIT Sloan School of Management, delivered the John R. Raben/Sullivan & Cromwell Fellowship Lecture at Yale Law School on April 7. Titled "Big Data, Big Brother, and Financial Regulation," Lo addressed a recurring theme among the many narratives in the financial crisis of 2008—the complexity of the financial system and the failure of private and public-sector policies to anticipate and attenuate the crisis.

**James B. Steinberg '78**, former deputy secretary of state under Hillary Clinton '73, delivered a talk on March 6 on "Strategic Reassurance and Resolve: U.S.-China Relations in the Twenty-First Century." Widely acknowledged as one of the leading foreign policy figures in the United States, James Steinberg is dean of the Maxwell School, Syracuse University, and University Professor of Social Science, International Affairs and Law.



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## SPRING CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

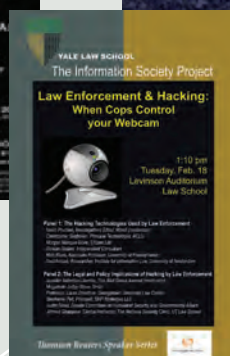
The twentieth anniversary of the **Rebellious Lawyering Conference (RebLaw)**, the largest student-run public interest conference in the U.S., took place on February 21–22. This year's sessions addressed wide-ranging topics, including campaign finance reform, food sustainability, mobilizing for the rights of the formerly incarcerated, feminist responses to the drug war, and defending animal rights activists.

The 2014 Critical Race Theory Conference on April 5, **Re-Envisioning Race in a "Post-Racial" Era: New Approaches in Critical Race Theory**, examined the progress that has been made over the last fifty years as well as the challenges that are still pervasive in the country. The conference was sponsored by the Zelia & Oscar Ruebhausen/Debevoise & Plimpton Fund at Yale Law School.

The Law School's Information Society Project and its Thomson Reuters Initiative on Law and Technology hosted a conference on **Law Enforcement and Hacking: When Cops Control Your Webcam**, on February 18. Another ISP/TR conference on March 30, **Innovation Law Beyond IP**, explored other forms of law and governance outside of intellectual property law that help promote innovation, along with values such as equity, privacy, and democracy.

The *Yale Law Journal* held a symposium on **The Meaning of the Civil Rights Revolution** on February 28 and March 1. The event marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and coincided with the publication of Professor Bruce Ackerman's '67 *We the People: The Civil Rights Revolution*.

Leading corporate lawyers, members of the business and investment communities, public officials, and scholars gathered at the Law School on March 7 for the fifteenth annual **Weil, Gotshal & Manges Roundtable**. Hosted by the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law, this year's roundtable focused on discussion about corporate fraud, corporate culture, and financial institutions' civil and criminal liability and government settlements.



Yale Law School held the first-ever **Yale Health Law and Policy Society Conference** on February 8, on "Health Insurance Exchange Implementation: Early Challenges and Opportunities." Health policy and law experts from across the country discussed topics such as the history of the health insurance exchanges, early successes and challenges, and how to optimally balance state and federal roles in exchange implementation and operation.

The Yale Environmental Law Association hosted the fourth annual **New Directions in Environmental Law** conference on March 1. This year's conference, planned by students at Yale Law School and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, took "Breaking the Stalemate" as its theme. With both national politics and environmental policy stuck in partisan trench warfare, the conference participants sought to identify new ideas and directions for environmental policy and action.



*Students in the JD-MBA program spend their first and third years at YLS; the second year is spent at SOM, which recently celebrated the opening of its new home in the 242,000-square-foot Edward P. Evans Hall.*

**SWITZERLAND LEADS THE WORLD** in addressing environmental challenges, according to the 2014 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) put out annually by the Yale Center for Law and Environmental Policy, a joint undertaking between the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and Yale Law School. Luxembourg, Australia, Singapore, and the Czech Republic round out the top five positions of the index, which ranks countries on high-priority environmental concerns including air quality, water management, and climate change.

With expanded data coverage, the 2014 EPI ranks forty-six more countries than the last EPI release.

"The EPI reveals that improved environmental results are possible when measurement and management practices align," said Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy Daniel Esty '86. "When data and measurement are poor or not in concert with policy priorities, natural and human systems suffer."

website  [www.epi.yale.edu](http://www.epi.yale.edu)

## Three-year JD-MBA Degree Program Turns Five

THE THREE-YEAR JD-MBA DEGREE, a joint program of the Law School and Yale School of Management, graduated its fifth class this May. Twenty-one students have now received the degree and are working in settings as diverse as the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Legislative Counsel, the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the Hague, Goldman Sachs Wealth Management, and Crescent City Schools (a New Orleans charter school organization); along with law firms such as Covington & Burling, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Sullivan & Cromwell, and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

The unique program offers the two degrees in three academic years, without the need for summer classes. Students master the analytical and quantitative skills necessary to solve complex legal and business challenges, along with "softer" but equally essential skills involving negotiation and teamwork, which are invaluable for careers in business, as well as in social entrepreneurship and nonprofit management.

"I believe that the three-year JD-MBA program is the most important innovation in legal education to have been introduced over the past several decades, as management schools provide core analytical skills that are increasingly relevant for all walks of life, and even the largest law schools cannot adequately staff the courses necessary for imparting that knowledge effectively," said Roberta Romano '80, Sterling Professor of Law and director of the Law School's Center for the Study of Corporate Law. "We are truly delighted in the rapid increase in enrollment, along with the enthusiasm expressed by students regarding their experience."

Students in the program are fully immersed in the required curriculum and community life at each school and graduate with their entering class at

both the Law School and SOM.

"Having an MBA opened the door to a variety of careers for me outside the law," said Jacqueline Carter '12 JD-MBA, currently an associate at Goldman Sachs Asset Management. "At the same time, I found that law firms highly valued the MBA training, since so much legal work involves corporate regulation and finance-related issues."

A traditional four-year joint degree program is also offered as an option for students who realize they are interested in obtaining an MBA after completing their 1L year, as well as for students who wish to take additional courses in both schools.

website  [www.law.yale.edu/jdmba](http://www.law.yale.edu/jdmba)



# Sotomayor, Scalia Visit the Law School

U.S. Supreme Court justice Sonia Sotomayor '79 delivered the James A. Thomas Lecture on February 3. The lecture took the form of a conversation between Justice Sotomayor and Linda Greenhouse '78 MSL, Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence and Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law.

During the hour-long conversation, Sotomayor reflected upon her jurisprudence, drawing on the opinions she has written and the cases she has participated in since taking her seat on the nation's high court.

Photographs by Harold Shapiro



U.S. Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia visited Yale Law School on April 3, meeting with the Yale Law Federalist Society, students, and members of the faculty. After a morning reception with the board of the Yale Law Federalist Society, Justice Scalia spoke with Federalist Society members and a small group of students selected by lottery. Dean Robert Post '77 welcomed the justice during a lunch with Law School faculty, with further remarks from Sterling Professor of Law and U.S. Circuit judge Guido Calabresi '58.





CELEBRATION

Black Law Students Association Hosts Alumni Dinner

THE BLACK LAW STUDENTS Association (BLSA) recently celebrated its sixth Jane M. Bolin Service Award Dinner. This year's award winner and keynote speaker was William E. Kennard '81, the first African American chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and first African American U.S. ambassador to the European Union.

Kennard joins past BLSA honorees Myron H. Thompson '72, Marian Wright Edelman '63, Rhonda J. McLean '83, James A. Thomas '64, and Cliff Alexander '58. The Jane M. Bolin Award is named for the first African American woman to graduate from Yale Law School, and the first to serve as a judge in the United States.

More than 120 BLSA alumni and students attended the dinner at the Omni



Hotel, including BLSA president Cara McClellan '15, BLSA alumni relations chair Akunna Cook '16, Dean Robert C. Post '77, and Professor Stephen Carter '79, who introduced Ambassador Kennard.

In addition to holding the alumni dinner, BLSA for the first time also organized an alumni brunch and three panels focused on current opportunities and challenges facing BLSA students. The panels, which were led by alumni including Professor James Forman Jr. '92, Professor Catherine B. Powell '92, and Dr. Akosua Barthwell Evans '90, focused on the role of courts in achieving social change, the role of the legal academy in the pursuit of justice, and leveraging a law degree for success in business and beyond.



Yale Law Women Honors Faculty, Staff, and Students

ROBERTA ROMANO '80, Sterling Professor of Law and director of the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law, was the winner of the 2014 Yale Law Women Faculty Excellence Award in March. The award, given annually by YLW, recognizes a professor for his or her contribution as an outstanding mentor and teacher to students at the Law School. The entire staff of the Law School library was recognized with the 2014 YLW Staff Excellence Award, and Adrien Weibgen '14 was given the Award for Outstanding Leadership.



AMY KAPCZYNSKI '03 received the Alan Berkman Award from Health Global Access

Project (Health GAP) for her efforts to help eliminate barriers to global access to affordable life-sustaining medicines for people living with HIV/AIDS. To read more about Kapczynski's successful petitioning of universities and drug manufacturers to permit generic competition that creates steep price discounts for life-saving anti-AIDS drugs, visit [www.law.yale.edu/faculty/14015.htm](http://www.law.yale.edu/faculty/14015.htm).



YALE UNIVERSITY honored Fiona Doherty '99 with a Yale Provost's Teaching Prize in May. Each year, deans and department

chairs from across the University nominate untenured faculty who exemplify excellence in teaching, and the Office of the Provost, using information from student evaluations, selects ten recipients.

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