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Colleagues gathered in November in western China for the 2006 International Conference on WTO (World Trade Organization) Dislocations and Solutions. Professor Steve Sheppard of the University of Arkansas School of Law attended the conference, which focused on trade law. Professor Sheppard is pictured in the bottom row, third from the left. Read more on page 3.



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Dean Nance Makes Historic MLK Day Visit to the Mariana Islands



University of Arkansas School of Law Dean Cyndi Nance presented a series of public lectures on women's rights as the special guest in the celebration of the first official Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the Northern Mariana Islands. The islands, close to Guam, are a U.S. Commonwealth and recently became the last U.S. territory to establish Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an official holiday.

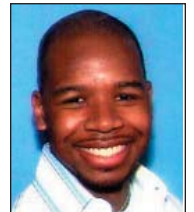
"We share with you a sense of tremendous pride and achievement in your selection as Dean," said Joe Hill, president of the Islands' African American Cultural Preservation Committee, in a letter inviting Nance to the MLK Day Celebration.

Hill said the African American Cultural Preservation Committee chose Nance because of her unique background and expertise on the featured topic of education and the empowerment of women. It was her first visit to the Commonwealth, and she held symposiums on all three of the Mariana Islands.

Nance gave her final lecture on "Education and Empowerment of Women through the Civil Rights Movement" on MLK Day on the island of Saipan. In her speech, Nance focused on the changing status of minority women. She also reflected on how Dr. King's Civil Rights agenda has empowered her. The lecture series was part of a project that commemorated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in conjunction with the national holiday in his honor, which was celebrated Jan. 15.

2L Chris Dawkins Earns Scholarship to Study in South Africa

Christopher Dawkins, 2L, received a 2006-07 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship. As part of his scholarship, Dawkins will continue legal studies at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa. He will earn about \$20,000, studying and acting as a student ambassador between South Africa and the United States.



Dawkins has a long history of civic-minded service and was one of the groundbreakers of the Children's Museum of Houston. In 2004, he graduated cum laude from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., with a bachelor's in political science. The scholarship program is the Rotary Club's oldest program. Nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad.

Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition

The Journal of Business & Securities Law is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition. Submit a journal-style article on a current topic concerning business and/or securities law.

Submissions should be fully researched with correct citations and sent via e-mail in a Word/Word Perfect format.

Deadline: Feb. 23, 2007 (11:59 p.m. EST)

Prizes: \$500 cash* and Article Published

Open to: Any student at an ABA accredited law school

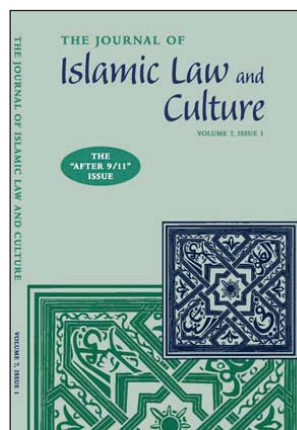
Submit:

- (1) Electronic copy of article
- (2) Brief abstract or cover letter about your article
- (3) Curriculum Vitae

*The Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition is designed to encourage business law scholarship by upper-level law students nationwide. The winner will receive a check in the amount of \$500 by mail contingent on our receipt of a signed publication contract. The winner will be notified by April 20 via the provided e-mail. Other qualified entries may also be considered for publication.

Contact the JBSL with any questions at jbsl@msu.

The Journal of Islamic Law & Culture



The student editorial staff would like to welcome the following students to *The Journal of Islamic Law & Culture*:

Parvez Ahmed

Emily Ruth Anderson

Robert Depper

Hope Jackson

Sandra Thompson

On the Masthead

School of Law students study in the Judge Robert F. Fussell Reading Room in the Leflar Law Center. UA students began Spring 2007 classes Jan. 16.

Professor Steve Sheppard Travels to China to Discuss Trade Law

In November 2006, Professor Steve Sheppard traveled to western China to discuss tariffs and trade law under the World Trade Organization at one of the largest law schools in the world – Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL).



The university is in Chongqing, China, and has more than 1,000 faculty members and 20,000 law students, including more than 1,000 doctoral students.

Sheppard exchanged information on trade law, including international laws regulating tariffs, dumping and currencies during the 2006 International Conference on WTO Dislocations and Solutions with professors from Europe, Japan and China. The University of Arkansas School of Law's professor explained to colleagues at the Chinese university his perspective on the American approach to trade law and changes by the WTO.

In addition, Sheppard published a paper in English and Chinese entitled "Tempering Steel: The Effectiveness of Politically Targeted Countermeasures and the US Steel Tariff of 2002," which examines President George W. Bush's illegal increase of steel tariffs, the complaints that resulted from China and the European Union and how the WTO reacted to the incident.

Faculty & Staff Members Become Safe Zone Allies



Eight members of the School of Law community have become part of the Safe Zone Allies program on the University of Arkansas campus. Safe Zone Allies believe that all people should be treated equally and fairly regardless of sexual orientation. Allies are supportive and affirming of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students and employees and their identities. The responsibilities of allies include listening without judgment, providing a safe space for visitors to share their concerns and referring visitors appropriately to resources for assistance.

The eight School of Law Safe Zone Allies are Professor Sharon Foster, sfoster@uark.edu; Professor Ann Killenbeck, akillen@uark.edu; Professor and Associate Dean Judith Kilpatrick, jkilpat@uark.edu; Director of Career Planning & Placement Chris Mitchell, mitchell@uark.edu; Director of Communications Amy Ramsden, aramsde@uark.edu; Clinic Receptionist Diana Shepherd, dmsheph@uark.edu; Instructional Services/Reference Librarian Jason Springman, jrsprin@uark.edu; and Director of Pro Bono Programs and Clinic Administration Susan Williams, swillia@uark.edu. They join more than 75 UA faculty and staff who have committed their support to this program.

Any law student, staff or faculty member who wishes to talk or request assistance about sexual orientation issues may contact any of these allies. Other allies on the university campus may be found at <http://smcr.uark.edu> by clicking on "Diversity" and then "Safe Zone."

The School of Law Selects Three Traveling Trial Teams

The Trial Team Selection Committee is pleased to announce the members of the Traveling Trial Teams that will represent the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2006-07. Please join us in congratulating the successful applicants. The Committee also wishes to acknowledge all those who applied for a position on a team this year. We had an unusually talented pool and the selections Alternates: Jason Boyeski and David Hardaway

ATLA Team Jennifer Akre, Scott Hill, Brett Kaehne, Chris Nebben

BLSA Team Cedric Frazier, Mariel Williams, Daryl Taylor, Shyretta McCrackin

National Trial Team Winston Collier, Eugene Krupitsky, Colin Johnson, Andrea Medlock

Dean Adams to Facilitate at National Conference

Rhonda Adams, Assistant Dean and Registrar, will be a facilitator at the Annual Meeting of the National Network of Law School Officers in Boston, held from Feb. 28 to March 3. Dean Adams will facilitate the program "Take a Look at Yourself – Professional Development and Self Assessment," which will help those in attendance renew their zeal for the job, making them more valuable to their universities.



'Invisible Children'

Jeremy Ament, president of the International Law Society, hosted a screening of the "Invisible Children" documentary Jan. 23.

The documentary highlights the voyage of three American college students who traveled to Africa and found a travesty in Northern Uganda, where 30,000 children have been abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to fight and die in the war. For 20 years, the LRA, one of Africa's most feared rebel groups, has waged war against the government. The rebels and government signed a landmark truce in August, but some say a final peace deal remains far off.



The three students wind up in Uganda and encounter true horror as they document Africa through American eyes, using realistic, poignant and often times heart-wrenching images. The filmmakers have been on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," CNN and the National Geographic Channel and have started a nonprofit organization to make people aware of suffering in Uganda.

For more information about the documentary or to learn more about Uganda, visit the Web site at www.invisiblechildren.com. Photos courtesy of www.invisiblechildren.com.

Phi Alpha Delta's Toy Drive Helps Arkansas Children's Hospital

Phi Alpha Delta's Philanthropy Committee, including students Sharre Brooks, Traci Graham and DeAnna Pratt, collected \$385 and 150 toys for the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The students of PAD would like to thank everyone who participated, including faculty members, for their generosity in making the drive successful. The toys were delivered Dec. 12.

Civil Procedure Song & Poetry Contest

John Pettie won the 10th annual Civil Procedure Song & Poetry Contest. His musical creation "Serving on a Jet Plane" told the story of *Grace v. McArthur*, 170 F. Supp. 442 (E.D. Ark. 1959), to the tune of John Denver's hit "Leaving on a Jet Plane." Other contestants included Sam Eastman ("Oh, Ye Jurisdiction"), Tiffany Brown ("What is a Motion?") and Lauren Ruff ("Shaffer v. Heitner").

February Calendar

- 7 Career Services Office presents Chesapeake Energy Corporation, noon, E. J. Ball Courtroom
Phi Alpha Delta Meeting, noon, Room 339
WLSA Meeting, noon, Room 326
- 9 MESLA Welcomes Special Guest, noon
- 12 Judge Taylor will speak on "Professionalism & Other Topics of Bankruptcy," RSVP ttarvin@uark.edu, 9:10 to 10:10 a.m., Legal Clinic Parlor
- 14 BLSA Meeting, noon, Room 324
Hartman Hotz Lecture, "Your Lawn or Your Life," 3:30 p.m., OZAR 25
- 15 Hartman Hotz Lecture, "Drowning in Neoliberalism: The Origins & Lessons of Hurricane Katrina," 3 p.m., Giffels Auditorium, Old Main
- 21 Phi Alpha Delta Meeting with guest President Sprott of the American Bar Association, noon, Room 339
Phi Alpha Delta Spring Initiation, 6 to 9 p.m., Judge Gunn's Court room
- 26 Spring Moot Court begins, 4 p.m., Leflar Law Center
Ben Barry, U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee will speak about his experiences, 9:10 to 10:10 a.m., RSVP ttarvin@uark.edu, Legal Clinic Parlor
- 28 BLSA Meeting, noon, Room 324



Professor Christopher Kelley will lead the St. Petersburg Colloquium every Monday at noon in Room 336 to inform students about Russia and prepare them for the St. Petersburg study abroad program.