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SALT LAUNCHES LIST SERVE ON LGBT ISSUES AT RELIGIOUSLY-AFFILIATED LAW SCHOOLS

SALT member and Seton Hall University law professor Marc Poirier announces Constellation!

A project of the SALT LGBT Committee, Constellation is a moderated list serve intended to provide a forum for discussing the concerns of LGBT faculty, administrators, and staff at religiously-affiliated law schools. We are open to all permanent faculty, administrators, and staff at U.S. law schools, regardless of a participant's sexual orientation and regardless of the institutional structure of a particular law school. Constellation will facilitate general discussion, communication of news and concerns, and the consideration of responses to specific and general concerns. Our goals are to generate a shared sense of support and possibility, to support networking, and to facilitate productive general and institution-specific conversations and resolutions. Varying perspectives are welcome. Civility is expected. Although membership is limited, confidentiality cannot be assured.

Constellation will begin operation during the week of January 11. You may email constellation@umn.edu and request subscription.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR THE SALT TEACHING CONFERENCE EXTENDED TO MARCH 15, 2010

To encourage a full participation in this exciting teaching conference scheduled for December 10-11, 2010, at University of Hawai'i, the deadline for submitting proposals for panels and papers has been extended. [Read more about the conference and consider how your scholarship and activism can inspire others.](#)

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SALT CONFERENCE ON STATE BALLOT INITIATIVES, APRIL 15-16 AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

SALT and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law are sponsoring a free conference devoted to understanding the role of the state ballot initiative, especially as it pertains to anti-affirmative action initiatives. This day-long conference will bring together scholars and activists to consider how ballot initiatives are being used to implement a conservative political agenda and how best to respond, using the 2008 battle over the proposed anti-equal opportunity initiative in Colorado, as a case study. [Read more and register. Space is limited!!](#)

SALT AND DIGITAL AGE CLINIC AT COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL RELEASE DATA ON DISTURBING TREND IN LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Over the last fifteen years, despite improving scores and an increase in the number of seats available for law school study, the percentages of African American and Mexican American students attending law school have declined 7.5% and 11.7% respectively. Thank you to Conrad Johnson for leading this data analysis and Lilo and Jerry Leeds for funding this project. [Read more and join in SALT's effort to reverse this trend.](#)

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ROBERT COVER PUBLIC INTEREST RETREAT AT CAMP SARGENT FEBRUARY 26-28

TURNING POINT

Shaping Public Interest Law for 2015

Students at Western New England College of Law are planning this year's Robert Cover Public Interest Retreat, Friday, February 26-28, at Camp Sargent. [Click here to read more about the plans and to download a registration form.](#) Urge your dean to support the Cover Public Interest Retreat by subsidizing registration. And consider attending yourself! It's a beautiful location with plenty of down time to hike, cross country ski, and chat with public interest practitioners and students from across the Northeast.

SALT AT THE AALS

The Hotel Monteleone was an elegant setting for this year's SALT Annual Dinner where Professor Frank Valdés was applauded by his colleagues as the 2010 SALT Great Teacher. He was introduced passionately by Margaret Montoya, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law and Health Sciences Center and Robert Westley, LOCHEF Professor of Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Tulane University Law School. And no one was disappointed by Frank's heart-felt acceptance of this honor.

Diners were entertained by the Victor Atkins Trio. The dinner marked the end of Margaret Martin Barry and Deborah Waire Post's tenure as co-presidents of SALT and

began a new era with Raquel Aldana and Steve Bender as incoming SALT co-presidents, along with five new board members: Elvia Arriola (returning to the board); Michael Avery; Barbara Bernier; Karla McKanders; and Hari Osofsky.

Once again, we thank the University of Miami for being this year's Dinner Sponsor.

And additional thanks are extended to our Gold Sponsors: American University, Washington College of Law; California Western School of Law; Fordham University School of Law; Michigan State University College of Law; Northeastern University School of Law; Santa Clara University School of Law, Center for Social Justice; Seattle University School of Law; Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center; University of Denver, Sturm College of Law; University of Oregon School of Law; University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law; University of Washington School of Law; and Valparaiso University School of Law.

Thank you, too, to our Silver Sponsors: Hofstra University School of Law; The Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law, The University of Maryland School of Law; University of Florida Levin College of Law; and Wayne State University School of Law.

Watch the SALT website for an upcoming gallery of photographs of SALT at the AALS, including the Cover Workshop, the reception and discussion at the preview of Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice, a documentary by Abby Ginzberg, hosted by SALT and UC Davis School of Law, and the SALT Annual Dinner.