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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND ECONOMIC REALITIES: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO LAW TEACHING, MARCH 19-20, AT GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY, CO-SPONSORED BY SALT

SALT and Golden Gate University School of Law are co-sponsoring a two-day conference at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco on Friday and Saturday, March 19-20. **Registration is only \$130 for this two-day conference.** [John Payton, NAACP Legal Defense Fund](#) will be the plenary speaker. [Paul Butler](#), author of [Let's Get Free: A Hip Hop Theory of Justice](#), will be speaking on the criminalization of poverty, along with [Richard Delgado](#). There will be concurrent sessions that focus on integrating theories of poverty and economics into all aspects of the law school curriculum.

To register on-line with a credit card, [click here](#). You must log-in to the SALT LAW.org website in order to register on-line. It's easy: just click "sign up" on the top menu and follow the instructions.

To download a registration form to use with a check or credit card, [click here](#).

REGISTRATION OPEN 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!!](#)

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

The logo features the words "TURNING POINT" in a large, blue, serif font. The word "TURNING" is stylized with a grid pattern overlaid on it. Below this, the phrase "Shaping Public Interest Law for 2015" is written in a smaller, bold, black sans-serif font.

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. Letters have been sent to East Coast deans asking them to support this Retreat by sponsoring public interest-minded students. 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, faculty, and students from across the Northeast.

SALT RAISES QUESTIONS FOR STATES CONSIDERING ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM BAR EXAM

SALT is distributing a memorandum to deans, state bar examiners, state bar presidents, and members of the Congressional Judiciary Committees raising issues to consider when debating the adoption of the Uniform Bar Exam. [Download a copy of the pdf of the Statement.](#)

LSAC CONTESTS DISTURBING TREND IN LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

In an email to the Deans' list serve on January 14, LSAC disputed the methodology used by Columbia Law School's Lawyering in the Digital Age to conclude that African American and Mexican American law school admissions are down over a fifteen year period. Professor Conrad Johnson who supervised the analysis responded with a statement standing by these conclusions. [Read more ...](#)

SALT SOLICITING SCHOLARSHIP ON DIVERSITY BEST PRACTICES

To further our goal of diversifying the legal education, SALT is collecting a bibliography from SALT members on best practices in recruiting, retaining, and graduating law school students of color, and other underrepresented groups.

- Dean Elizabeth Parker Rindsdorf of University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, is the first to offer an article. [Click here to read her piece from the University of Toledo Law Review in the SALT at Work, Equal Opportunity section of the SALTLAW.org website.](#)
- Sarah Redfield, Franklin Pierce Law School just published *Diversity Realized Putting the Walk with the Talk for Diversity in the Legal Profession*, ISBN: 978-1-60042-096-2, December 2009, Paperback, 268 pages, \$34.95. Ask your librarian to order it or [buy it yourself by clicking here!](#)

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.

RESPONDING TO THE HAITIAN EARTHQUAKES AND AFTERMATH

Below are some organizations with experience in Haiti for those of you interested in donating. Thank you, SALT Members, for identifying them!

- [CARE](#)
- [Doctors Without Borders](#)
- [Fan Arisen Nam Miami, Inc. \(Haitian Women of Miami\)](#)
- [Haiti Emergency Relief Fund](#)
- [Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti](#)

- [MADRE](#)
- [Partners in Health](#)
- [Partners in Health's Sister Organization in Haiti – Zanmi Lasante Clinic](#)
- [Plan USA](#)
- [Razoo](#)
- [YeLe Haiti](#)

Ben Davis has requested that anyone with an understanding of the process of getting a legal permanent resident back into the US from Haiti to please contact him at ben.davis@utoledo.edu:

Two elderly cousins, Luce Qualo (92), and her sister Madeleine Bruce (82) were in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. Luce is an American citizen. Madeleine is a Haitian citizen. They both travelled from New York City to Haiti on December 5, 2009, and had planned to leave on February 4, 2010. They both have return tickets. Luce has lived in New York City for decades. Her sister, Madeleine, has a son, Ronald Bruce, who lives on Long Island.

Luce Qualo (92) was able to be evacuated from Haiti today because she is a U.S. citizen. However, she was not able to take her sister Madeleine Bruce (82) with her because Luce is too elderly. Our family had been informed that Luce could take Madeleine with her. Apparently, Madeleine (a legal permanent resident of the U.S.) can only go if she is accompanied by a U.S. citizen "minor." Therefore, the neighbor has informed me that the suggestion is for Madeleine's son (a U.S. citizen) to fly to Santo Domingo, drive from there to Port-au-Prince to pick up his Mother and drive back to Santo Domingo with her in order for her to return to the States. I asked if her son as a U.S. citizen "minor" could just be evacuated with his Mother from Port-au-Prince once he got her. I was told this is not possible.

Former SALT board member Bill Quigley published this article on Sunday, January 17, 2010 on CommonDreams.org: [Why the US Owes Haiti Billions – The Briefest History](#).

Share with SALT how your school is responding. Email hweiser@saltlaw.org with your school's responses. Organize your campus to act!

- Florida A & M is organizing a panel on the historical relationship between the United States and Haiti. Contact [Barbara Bernier](#) for more information.
- Florida International held a teach-in that addressed these issues, and has been working for Temporary Protective Status for Haitians. Contact [Peggy Maisel](#) for more information.

Critical issues in recovery

Restoring the Haitian economy

Rebuilding the country—Where? How? Who?

What the Diaspora can do

The Church and recovery

Migration and TPS—What Next?

- Syracuse University's Chancellor sent out a letter outlining ways in which that university's community can help: providing assistance to students, faculty, and staff with relatives in Haiti, listing organizations for donations, giving a historical context for the relationship between the United States and Haiti. *"The U.S. shares a long history with Haiti via New Orleans. The Haitian revolution, which began in 1791, was instrumental in inspiring the largest U.S. slave revolt in New Orleans. There were huge numbers of Haitians who moved to New Orleans in the early 1800s after the success of the Haitian revolution. This doubled the size of the "free colored" population in the area at the time. It was the success of the Haitian revolution in 1804 that led to the sale of Louisiana to the U.S. by Napoleon."* Contact [Paula Johnson](#) for more information.

SALT EXTENDS DEADLINE TO MARCH 15TH FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR DECEMBER 2010 TEACHING CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

[Read the call for proposals](#) and consider submitting a proposal that includes how to introduce the value of an obligation to public law, and not just private law, within the curriculum.

JOIN SALT OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON-LINE

We want you to be an active member of SALT. That means paying your dues!

Once a member, you can post your accomplishments, like **Marjorie Cohn** did when her book *CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM: TELEVISION AND THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1998) (co-authored with David Dow), reprinted (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield 2002) was cited by Justice Breyer in the dissenting opinion prohibiting television cameras in the trial of Proposition 8! [Click here to read more...](#)

Once a member, you can post your publications, like **Angela Mae Kupenda**. [Click here to read more...](#)

Once you are a member, you can post calendar notices and job announcements, too.

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