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SALT URGES SENATOR CARL LEVIN TO REPEAL DON'T ASK DON'T TELL AND SUGGESTS SUSPENSION OF MILITARY INVESTIGATIONS PENDING REPEAL

In a letter dated February 11, 2010, SALT thanked Senator Carl Levin for his leadership on the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell and while working on repeal, to suspend military investigations into allegations of homosexuality. [Read the letter to Senator Carl Levin...](#)

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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. With initiatives on the Arizona and Utah 2010

ballots, passed by their respective legislatures, this issue remains essential. ***This is a free conference!*** [Register now, space is limited.](#)

CONSIDER A POSITION ON THE SALT BOARD OF GOVERNORS—DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS MARCH 1, 2010

The Nominations Committee is currently soliciting the names of SALT members who can run for one of several upcoming openings on the Board of Governors. Service on the Board of Governors gives members a close and active opportunity to shape and enforce the policy of SALT designed to fulfill SALT's basic mission – of making the legal profession more inclusive and reflective of the great diversity of this nation; enhancing social justice training and quality legal education with cutting edge teaching methodologies; and advancing the use of the law to serve underserved persons and communities.

Board members whose terms will expire in 2010 are eligible to run for a second and third term according to the SALT By-Laws.

Any SALT member interested in becoming a member of the SALT Board of Governors is eligible to run. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Nomination Committee Co-Chairs below by e-mail to express your interest. You may submit a personal statement in writing and send by e-mail attachment to earriola@niu.edu.

Remember, the deadline for submitting your interest in placing your name in nomination is March 1, 2010.

ROBERT COVER PUBLIC INTEREST RETREAT—FEBRUARY 26-28, RECRUIT YOUR STUDENTS TO ATTEND, PROGRAM POSTED AND REGISTRATION OPEN

With ten days to go, there are still openings to attend the Robert Cover Public Interest Retreat at Camp Sargent in Peterborough, NH. It's a magnificent setting, and a real opportunity to participate in a "retreat." This year's program, Turning Point 2015, is being organized by students from Western New England School of Law. Urge your dean to support sending public interest oriented students (and faculty) to this amazing weekend. Program notes posted. [Read More and register...](#)

TRINA GRILLO PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT—MARCH 6-7, PROGRAM POSTED AND REGISTRATION OPEN

University of Oregon School of Law is hosting this year's Trina Grillo Retreat. The exciting program has just been posted for "Globalization, Economic Justice, and Climate Change." The opening keynote address will be given by 2009 Time Magazine Environmental Hero Rizwana Hasan and the Ralph Abascal Memorial Keynote by Brent Newell of the Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment. Registration is open and quite affordable for students and faculty. [Read More...](#)

SALT-GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW “VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, ECONOMIC REALITIES” REGISTRATION OPEN

On Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, SALT and Golden Gate University School of Law are co-sponsoring the “Vulnerable Populations, Economic Realities: an interdisciplinary approach to law teaching. Registration is now open. **Registration fees have been waived for conference presenters.**

Registration is \$130 for the two-day conference. Here is just a peek at the program. [Full program is now posted!!](#)

- **The conference begins with a Friday morning plenary:** a conversation between [Paul Butler](#), (George Washington University School of Law) author of [Let's Get Free: A Hip Hop Theory of Justice](#), and [Richard Delgado](#), (Seattle University School of Law) on the criminalization of poverty.
- **Friday's lunchtime speaker** is [Lauren Speeth](#), founding CEO of [The Elfenworks Foundation](#), which is underwriting some of the costs of the conference.
- **Friday evening California Newsreel** is sponsoring a wine and beer reception and showing a sneak preview of its documentary-in-progress “Turkey Creek,” about a Mississippi community in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. [Producer Leah Mahan](#) will be there to answer questions about the film.
- **Saturday's morning plenary** features [Senior Judge Thelton Henderson](#), United States District Court, Northern District of California, introducing his life-long friend [John Payton](#), President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.
- **Saturday's lunch** includes [Doug Colbert](#), (University of Maryland School of Law) challenging the academy to infuse the entire law school curriculum with the concept of the “public citizen” found in the Preamble to the Canons of Ethics.

[Download a flyer and distribute it to colleagues.](#)

[Register and learn more about affordable hotels close to Golden Gate University...](#)

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- [February 26-28](#): Peterborough, NH: **Robert Cover Public Interest Retreat. Spaces are still available. Urge your students to attend!**
- [March 4-6](#): Tucson, AR: **16th Annual Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty**

- [March 6-7](#): Eugene, OR: **Trina Grillo Social Justice Retreat. New program information posted.**
- [March 19](#): Washington, DC: **Lobby Day to Repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell.** Organize your students to participate. [Download a flyer to distribute at your law school.](#)
- [April 15-16](#): Denver, CO: **Deconstructing the Ballot Initiative: The Role for Citizens and Scholars.** This is a free conference co-sponsored by SALT and University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR SALT MEMBERSHIP!

SALT needs your membership to keep our voice strong. [Renew on-line or with the registration form.](#)