

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT What's New?

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SALT OPPOSES NOMINATION OF SHARON BROWNE AS DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) joins more than seventy civil rights, women's rights, consumer, fair housing and legal organizations, and the American Bar Association in opposing the nomination of Sharon L. Browne as a Director of the Legal Services Corporation. [Read more...](#)

REGISTER FOR SALT-GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW "VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, ECONOMIC REALITIES"

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to discuss just how to incorporate theories of economics and poverty into an array of subjects across the curriculum. Register for the Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, "Vulnerable Populations, Economic Realities: an inter-disciplinary approach to law teaching. [Register On-Line!!!](#) (You need to log in to register.)

Registration fees have been waived for conference presenters.

Registration is \$130 for the two-day conference. [Review the full program which 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...](#)

Last Chance!!! DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE SALT BOARD OF GOVERNORS-- 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. Help fulfill SALT's mission: 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.

Any SALT member interested in becoming a member of the SALT Board of Governors is eligible to run. You may submit a personal statement in writing and send by e-mail attachment to Elvia Arriola, Co-Chair of the Nominations Committee: earriola@niu.edu.

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

Last Chance!!! RECRUIT STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE ROBERT COVER PUBLIC INTEREST RETREAT—FEBRUARY 26-28

There are still openings to attend the Robert Cover Public Interest Retreat at Camp Sargent in Peterborough, NH. This is a real retreat: beautiful natural setting, time to hike and snow shoe, informal discussions, and of course, some great sessions and parties.

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...](#)

Correction: UTAH LEGISLATURE CONSIDERS ANTI-AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BALLOT INITIATIVE—REGISTER TO ATTEND THE SALT- UNIVERSITY OF DENVER CONFERENCE ON APRIL 15-16 DECONSTRUCTING THE BALLOT INITIATIVE: THE ROLE FOR CITIZENS AND SCHOLARS

Last week we reported that the Utah legislature had passed a Ward Connerly anti-affirmative action ballot initiative. Not yet!!! It was voted out of a committee in the

House. However, these initiatives have a profound and prolonged impact on the ability to make a living, and access to education, employment, and state contracting.

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 possibly in Utah for the November 2010 ballots, this issue remains essential. ***This is a free conference!*** [Register now, space is limited.](#)

REGISTER FOR TRINA GRILLO PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT—MARCH 6-7

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...](#)

DOJ ISSUES REPORT ON BYBEE AND YOO PARTICIPATION IN THE "TORTURE MEMOS"

On Friday, February 19th, the Department of Justice, Office of Professional Responsibility declassified its final report declining to sanction either Jay Bybee or John Yoo for their roles in researching and drafting the infamous "torture memos." [Read the declassified report.](#)

SALT board member Ben Davis posted his response to this finding on The Jurist. [Click here to read.](#)

SALT IN THE NEWS

[In a February 22, 2010 National Law Journal article: Holding law schools accountable, read about SALT's participation in the debate about outcome measures.](#)

[In a February 19, 2010 New Hampshire Bar News article: The Law School of the Future, read about SALT's work on alternatives to bar licensing.](#)

SALT Board member Olympia Duhart, Nova Southeastern, posted Temporary Protective Status for Haitians, February 16, 2010. [Read her article.](#)

SALT MEMBERSHIP—WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

Many of you receive this electronic newsletter so you think you are a current member of SALT. But most of you are not. We ask that you renew your membership today so that our representation of issues within the legal academy comes from a strong progressive voice. We are about to launch the SALT blog, we have two upcoming

teaching conferences, a free conference about the future of affirmative action, and another upcoming conference on alternatives to bar licensing. We can't do it without your active membership and support.

[Renew or join today.](#)