

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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SALT Urges Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to Schedule a Vote on Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell

In a letter dated May 10, 2010, SALT urged Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to move repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell forward when considering the Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2011 Authorization Request bill, and not to wait until December 1, 2010 when the Working Group Report on how to implement repeal will be released. Read a copy of the May 10th letter.

Human Rights Advocate and Professor Rhonda Copelon Dies—CUNY Law School, Center for Constitutional Rights, and International Human Rights Communities Mourn—Memorial Service May 21

In 2009 SALT honored Professor Rhonda Copelon with its M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award at the SALT annual dinner held in San Diego recognizing her commitment to international human rights, especially women's rights, and her extraordinary career as an attorney and advocate.

- [To read and view video tributes to Rhonda collected by CUNY Law School.](#)
- [To read the tribute to Rhonda from the Center for Constitutional Rights.](#)
- [To read the New York Times obituary.](#)

There will be a memorial at the Riverside Memorial Chapel at 11 a.m. on Friday May 21st. Riverside is at 76th St. and Amsterdam Avenue.

SALT Urges Federal Intervention in Arizona's Anti-Immigration Legislation

On May 5, 2010, Cinco de Mayo, SALT sent a letter to President Obama urging him to use his executive authority to stop enforcement of Arizona's insidious SB 1070, which creates new state crimes stemming from illegal immigration and threatens the civil rights and liberties of thousands of Latino residents in the state.

"Arizona's law fits within thousands of anti-immigrant laws and practices that proliferated, particularly post-9/11, outside the scope of federal cooperation. Many of these laws have sought to deputize local police to enforce not only federal, but also newly created state civil or criminal violations of immigration laws. States are claiming an inherent power to enact and enforce such laws, but this power runs afoul of federal law and constitutional preemption doctrine. More troubling is that displaced blame is creating an environment of enmity directed not only at immigrants, but towards their U.S. citizen families and friends. Calls for boycotts provide some hope for a more balanced approach to solving tensions arising from unauthorized immigration. However, without federal intervention, Arizona will implement SB 1070 and other states will likely follow Arizona's lead. Without federal intervention, the thousands of constitutionally suspect anti-immigration measures that preceded SB 1070 will remain largely intact."

[Read more.](#)

SALT In the News— [Read All Entries](#)

- [May, 2010, California Lawyer, Diverse Effects](#)
- [May 4, 2010, Battleground Over Law School Clinics Widens, National Law Journal](#)

May 31 Deadline for 2011 SALT Dinner Awards Nominations: SALT M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights and Great Teacher

Let your voice be heard! Submit the name of the person or organization and a 1-2 page statement supporting the nomination(s), along with the name of the award. The statement should explain why the person or organization deserves the award, including how they contribute to the values of SALT. Please submit all nominations by **May 31, 2010**, to [Ruben Garcia](#) and [Hazel Weiser](#). We strongly

encourage you to re-nominate candidates who have been nominated in past years, as every year we have many worthy nominees, but only two awards.

SALT Membership SALE Continues

Three additional reasons to join SALT or renew your membership today:

- We can “speak the truth” as scholars and activists, adding important information to civic discussion.
- We care about good teaching, about professional skills development, and innovative ways to assess student achievement.
- We are an inter-generational community who listens and learns.

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Calls for Proposals

- **May 14 Deadline for Submitting Proposals: First Annual Critical Legal Studies Conference: Uproot, Sow, Cultivate**, University of Idaho College of Law, September 24-25, 2010. [Click here to read the full call for proposals.](#)
- **Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference:** Seton Hall University School of Law, September 9-12.

June 1: Call for works-in-progress (WIP) sessions and shorter “thoughts-in-progress” sessions to informally discuss research ideas.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

June 15: Junior Faculty Competition. [Click here to learn more.](#)

June 15: Student Competition deadline. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Calendar

- **May 21-23:** [The Second International Criminal Defense Conference:](#) “Lessons from the Defense at the Ad Hoc UN Tribunals, and Prospects for International Justice at the ICC,” Brussels, Belgium
- **New! May 27:** [Assessment and Student Outcomes Conference: Implications of the Proposed ABA Standard on Student Learning Outcomes](#), The Charlotte School of Law, Charlotte, NC
- **Mark Your Calendars!! October 7-8:** [Eighth Annual SALT-LatCrit Junior Faculty Development Workshop](#), University of Denver Sturm College of Law
- **October 8-9:** [LatCrit XV, The Color of the Economic Crisis: Exploring the Downturn from the Bottom Up](#), University of Denver Sturm College of Law

- **SAVE the DATE!! December 10-11:** SALT Annual Teaching Conference, [read more about hotel accommodations and conference locations.](#)

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[Marjorie Cohn on the nomination of Elena Kagan](#)

Watch CNN for Michael Avery on the nomination!