

## Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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### [SALT Issues Statement to Diminish Influence of U.S. News & World Report Rankings](#)

On May 21, to coincide with the publication of the annual U.S. News & World Report law school rankings, SALT issued a call to action for deans, faculties, and the ABA to work together to withhold LSAT scores from U.S. News to decrease their importance as a component of its annual rankings. *Chief among the rankings' ill effects is their impact on admissions decisions in general, and on diversity in admissions in particular.* [Read more...](#)

### [Louisiana SB 549 Assaulting Law School Clinics Dies in Committee](#)

While oil continues to pour from the BP offshore platform, last week the Louisiana Senate committee on Commerce opened hearings on proposed legislation that would limit the scope of law school clinics receiving state funding from suing government agencies and businesses for damages and from alleging violations of State constitutional law. SALT, CLEA, AALS, and ABA all opposed this legislation. The legislation died in committee. [Read more...](#)

### [SALT Members in the News—Read all about them!](#)

- **Jackie Gardina**, SALT board member and Chair of the LGBT Committee, was awarded tenure at Vermont Law School. Congratulations, Jackie!

- **Connie de la Vega's** scholarship, University of San Francisco School of Law, was quoted in the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Graham v. Florida*, issued on May 17, 2010. Thank you, Connie! [Click here to read more.](#)

### Memorial Service for Rhonda Copelon

On Friday, May 21, a memorial service was held for Rhonda Copelon, CUNY law professor, founder of the International Women's Rights Law Clinic at CUNY Law School, vice president of Center for Constitutional Rights, and 2009 SALT M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Awardee. The service was elegant and touching, and afforded a chance for her colleagues, students, and clients to honor her memory.

A more participatory memorial will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch the SALT Events Calendar for more details.

For those who knew Rhonda, you can post a memory on a website dedicated to her life's work. [Click here to get to the Rhonda Copelon blog.](#)

[To view the CUNY Law School dedication to Rhonda, click here.](#)

### Calls for Proposals

- [June 1 Deadline](#): Third National People of Color Conference: Submit a *Work in Progress* or "*thoughts in progress.*"
- [June 15 Deadline](#): Third National People of Color Conference: Junior Faculty are invited to submit papers that may, but need not, be related to our broad conference theme, Our Country, Our World in a "Post-Racial" Era.
- [June 15 Deadline](#): Third National People of Color Conference: Students are invited to submit papers that may, but need not, be related to our broad conference theme, Our Country, Our World in a "Post-Racial" Era. First and Second Place winners will be given the opportunity to present their papers at the National Conference, as guests of the Conference, and will be given a cash prize.
- [July 30 Deadline](#): The American Society of International Law (ASIL) International Economic Law Interest Group, will hold its next biennial conference at University of Minnesota Law School. The conference is called: International Economic Law in a time of Change: Reassessing Legal Theory, Doctrine, Methodology and Policy Prescriptions.

### Calendar

- **May 27:** [Assessment and Student Outcomes Conference: Implications of the Proposed ABA Standard on Student Learning Outcomes](#), The Charlotte School of Law, Charlotte, NC

- **New!!! June 1:** [Deadline for registration for Clinical Law Review's Clinical Writers' Workshop](#): October 2-3 at NYU School of Law
- **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](#). Watch for descriptions of panels and programs, coming soon!!!

### **SALT Membership SALE Continues**

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

- SALT members are working to develop ways to address legal theories that are impeding access to law and social justice.
- SALT members believe that the concept of lawyer as public citizen can become a part of doctrinal and experiential legal education.
- SALT members are fun to be around!

[Join on-line and get three extra months of membership for free, along with a discounted registration fee for the Hawai'i teaching conference!](#)

### **Announcement of the Dorsen/Filler Fellowship—Deadline for Application—June 15**

The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) is pleased to announce the Norman Dorsen/Stuart & Ellen Filler Fellowship, a one academic-year (9-month) fellowship focused on issues in legal education and not-for-profit development to begin in August 2010. The Dorsen/Filler Fellowship seeks a talented, committed, and visionary law school graduate interested in a career in legal education or in development work in a not-for-profit institution. ***The Fellow will be located in the SALT national office on Long Island, NY.***

*Tell your favorite graduates with fundraising experience to apply. [Download the Fellowship Announcement.](#)*