

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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Legislation, namely SB 549, has been introduced into the Louisiana legislature that would prohibit the four law school clinics operating at Loyola-New Orleans, Louisiana State University, Southern, and Tulane from filing suit against any governmental entity and from raising Louisiana state constitutional law claims.

On April 29th, SALT sent letters to members of the Louisiana Senate's Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs Committee where hearings were scheduled to begin this week. SALT's letter expressed our "...opposition to SB 549, which undermines academic freedom and interferes with an essential public service provided by the clinical programs at the four Louisiana law schools. SB 549 threatens to prevent law school clinics from meeting their professional obligation to expand access to justice for their clients by seriously limiting the types of representation they can undertake."

[Click here to read more.](#)

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

Mark your calendar: Friday, January 7th 7:00 pm at Delancey Street Foundation. That's the date for the 2011 SALT Annual Dinner. Be a part of this extraordinary event by nominating a colleague or mentor for one of SALT's dinner awards.

M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award: SALT recognizes the contributions of activists whose passion for social justice has driven their lives. The M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award is named after a CUNY Law School professor who dedicated her life to equality, equity, and justice. She was killed at the age of 45, along with Haywood Burns, in a car accident while visiting South Africa. In her memory,

SALT honors those who believe in fighting for a better world. The Award is not bestowed annually, but when there is an exceptional person or institution whose struggle for human rights requires recognition from our community.

[Past M. Shanara Gilbert Honorees](#): Rhonda Copelon (2009); Jennifer Harbury and Sister Dianna Ortiz (2008); Joshua Rosenkranz (2007); David Cole and Center for Constitutional Rights (2006); Eva Patterson (2005); Congressman John Lewis (2004); Steven Bright and Bryan Stevenson (2003); Honorable Barney Frank (2000); Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr. (1999); and M. Shanara Gilbert (1997).

[SALT Great Teacher Award](#): The Great Teacher Award recognizes individuals or institutions that have made especially important contributions to teaching, legal education and mentoring.

[Past recipients of the Great Teacher award](#), starting with the most recent:

Francisco Valdés, Steve Wizner, Fran Ansley, Stephanie Wildman, Eric Yamamoto, Howard Glickstein, Bill Quigley, Charles Lawrence & Mari Matsuda, SALT Founders, Sylvia Law, Marjorie M. Schultz, Anthony Amsterdam, Jim Jones, W. Hayward Burns, Barbara Aldave, Trina Grillo, Norman Dorsen, Cruz Reynoso, Mary Jo Frug, Marilyn Yarborough, Rhonda Rivera, University of Wisconsin Law School, Howard Lesnick, Barbara Babcock, Clinton Bamberger, CUNY Law School, Derrick Bell, Herma Hill Kay, Charles Black, Arthur Leff, Harry Edwards, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Rennard Strickland, Thomas Emerson, Charles Miller, David Cavers.

SALT invites you to submit a nomination for one or both of these awards.

If you would like to make a nomination, please 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 more reasons to join SALT or renew your membership today:

- We are a vibrant community of colleagues with common interests.
- We are participating in the three-year comprehensive review of ABA Standards so that diversity, innovative teaching, and new forms of assessment are part of the future of legal education.
- We organize some of the best conferences and parties in the academy!

[Join on-line and get four extra months of membership for free!](#)

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.](#)
- **June 1 Deadline: Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference:** Seton Hall University School of Law, September 9-12. Call for works-in-progress (WIP) sessions and shorter “thoughts-in-progress” sessions to informally discuss research ideas. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Calendar

- **May 6-8:** Annual LatCrit North-South Exchange, [The Global Politics of Food: Sustainability and Subordination](#), Mexico City
- **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
- **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.](#)

New Job Postings!

Santa Clara University Law School-- Assistant [Director of Academic Development](#)
[Director of Pro Bono Services, Prisoners' Legal Services of New York](#)