

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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SALT Joins in Urging U.S. to Negotiate Release of Peter Erlinder from Rwandan Prison

SALT member Peter Erlinder, former president of the National Lawyers Guild, and current professor at William Mitchell College of Law, was arrested on Friday, May 28 in Kigali, Rwanda, when he arrived to provide legal representation to Victoire Ingabire Umuhiza, an opposition candidate who has announced her intent to challenge President Paul Kagame in the upcoming August elections. Erlinder could face 20 years in prison if convicted of violating speech restrictions—restrictions that human rights groups condemn as repressive and that are the focus of Erlinder's representation of Ingabire herself.

SALT sent letters to Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken, the Minnesota delegation to the House of Representatives, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Department of State Counsel Harold Koh, and Attorney General Eric Holder urging them to intercede on Peter's behalf. Unfortunately, today, Peter was denied bail in a hearing. [Read more... .](#)

Demonstrations in New York and Minneapolis are planned for tomorrow.

New York City: Tuesday, June 8, 12pm-1pm

124 East 39th Street, New York, NY

Please email [Garrett Wright](#) if you have any questions.

Minneapolis: Tuesday, June 8, 5:00 p.m.

Federal Building

300 S 4th Street
Minneapolis, MN

SALT in the News—SALT LSAT Statement Hits a Nerve

On May 21, 2010, SALT issued a [Statement](#) calling for a concerted effort by law school deans, faculties, and the ABA to diminish the influence of the U.S. News & World Report rankings. A first step would be withholding LSAT scores from the magazine. That statement certainly hit a nerve. [Click here to read U.S. News' response.](#)

In addition, the [Statement](#) was picked up in a May 24th article in [The National Law Journal written by Karen Sloan.](#)

Columbia Law School Journal of Race and Law Seeking Submissions

The Columbia Journal of Race and Law (CJRL) is now accepting submissions of articles, essays and other original works for possible publication in the Fall 2010 edition of the Journal.

CJRL is the newest addition to Columbia Law School's scholarly journals and will begin publication in the 2010-2011 academic year. The mission is to establish a dialogue on historic and contemporary notions of socio-political and legal challenges facing racial and ethnic minorities. Formerly existing as the National Black Law Journal (NBLJ), a national journal based at Columbia for the past decade which is transitioning to another institution at the end of this academic year. As an independent journal, CJRL provides an exciting opportunity to deepen the discourse on race and the law both within Columbia and the broader legal community. [Read the call for proposals.](#)

Robert Cover Public Interest Retreat Scheduled for March 4-6, 2011

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Cover Retreat!

SALT Members in the News

Marjorie Cohn has an opinion! Read her [May 29th piece in Huffingtonpost.com on Peter Erlinder](#) and her [May 31st Huffingtonpost.com piece on the Israeli raid of the Gaza-bound flotilla.](#)

[Read SALT Members' Publications.](#)

Your work can be posted on the SALT website, too. It's a benefit of membership.

Calls for Proposals

- [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

- **July 15:** [International Legal Ethics Conference IV: International Legal Ethics Conference, “Legal Ethics in Times of Turbulence,”](#) Stanford University, Center on the Legal Profession.
- **September 9-12:** [Third National People of Color Scholarship Conference, “Our Country, Our World in a Post-Racial Era,”](#) Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ
- **September 24-25:** [“Critical Thought, Critical Action,”](#) first annual Critical Legal Studies conference, University of Idaho School of Law, Boise, ID
- **October 1-2:** [Third Clinical Writers' Workshop](#), sponsored by the Clinical Law Review, NYU School of Law, NYC, NY
- **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.](#) Check out airfares now! Watch for the upcoming program.