

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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In 2008 SALT honored Jennifer Harbury and Sister Dianna Ortiz with the M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award for their courageous work in Guatemala. Jennifer Harbury is a lawyer and the wife of Efraín Bámaca Velásquez, who was kidnapped in Guatemala, held in captivity, and tortured for three years, before he was executed. Sister Dianna Ortiz was herself kidnapped and tortured during the country's civil war. The case involving Efraín Bámaca Velásquez was highlighted in the UN Truth Commission report, "Memory of Silence," and the Inter-American Commission held Guatemala responsible for Mr. Bámaca's death. Almost 10 years ago, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights recognized Ms. Harbury's standing as his legal wife and ruled that the Guatemalan military was responsible for his disappearance, torture, and extrajudicial execution. It also found military officials guilty of obstruction of justice (*Bámaca Velásquez v. Guatemala*).

Jennifer Harbury, along with Alejandro Rodríguez Barillas, José Rodolfo López Barillas, and Manuel Giovanni Vásquez Vicente are all experiencing horrifying harassment as they move to hold accountable those responsible for human rights abuses during this wretched period of Guatemala's history. [Read the letter that SALT sent to Guatemalan and American officials on behalf of Jennifer Harbury and her fellow human rights defenders.](#)

SB 1070 Challenge Update

SALT joined amicus in a brief prepared by Covington & Burling challenging Arizona's draconian immigration law SB 1070. The trial court judge ordered that the brief be shortened to ten pages, and an amended copy was filed yesterday. [Read the amended amicus brief in *Friendly House v. Whiting*.](#)

Update on the SALT Teaching Conference

Within weeks the program for the December 10-11 SALT teaching Conference “Teaching in a Transformative Era: The Law School of the Future” will be posted. The array of topics and the roster of presenters promise that this year’s conference will be exciting and stimulating.

Current SALT members will receive a considerable discount in registration fees! So now is a perfect time to renew your membership, which will run through August 31, 2011. [Renew now!](#)

Jobs

Check out the new postings on SALT’s networking menu: Jobs, Visitorships and Fellowships!

- [University of Cincinnati](#)
- [University of Western Ontario, Dean of the Law School](#)
- [Villanova University School of Law seeks clinical teaching fellow](#)

Calls for Proposals

- [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.
- [August 16 Deadline](#): AALS Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities: BEYOND EXTERNSHIPS AND CLINICS: BEST PRACTICES FOR INTEGRATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE EDUCATION
- [August 30 Deadline](#): for students to submit papers for the upcoming LatCrit Conference. [Click here to learn more and forward to students and graduates interested in entering legal teaching.](#)

SALT Website Update in Progress

During the next few weeks, the SALTLAW.org website will be updated to include a fully functional site map and a search function. For your information, SALT committee work is reported in the “SALT at Work” menu on the left hand side of the home page. That left hand side menu has “Networking,” which include calls for proposals, job postings, and information on junior faculty mentoring. “For the Media” includes SALT history and listings of SALT and its members in the news.