New Faculty

The Law School is thrilled to welcome home our newest faculty member, Professor Mari Matsuda ‘80, and to announce that she recently received full tenure through an expedited process introduced by Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw. Mari rejoins us from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she taught on a permanent basis beginning in 1992. She is a homegrown star who taught at the Law School from 1983-1991 and attained the rank of tenured full professor.

Professor Matsuda is an internationally recognized expert in constitutional law, civil rights, and social justice as well as legal history. In her more than twenty-five years of outstanding teaching and scholarship, Professor Matsuda became a tenured professor at the UCLA School of Law and Georgetown. She also held visiting appointments at Stanford Law School and as the George Johnson Distinguished Professor at our Law School.

Mari joins our faculty with her husband, Professor Charles R. Lawrence, III. Professor Lawrence is serving as the inaugural UH Mānoa Centennial Professor, teaching at the College of Education and the Political Science Department, as well as in the Law School. Like Mari, Chuck has received numerous honors and international renown for his scholarship, teaching, and service. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Haverford College, from which he also received an honorary doctoral degree in 2000. Chuck earned a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1969.

Prior to his long teaching career at Georgetown, Chuck was a tenured full professor at Stanford Law School and at the University of San Francisco School of Law. He has had extensive private practice experience, taught at the School of Education at Harvard University, and headed a charter school in one of Boston’s most troubled neighborhoods. He has also served and continues to serve on a number of national non-profit boards and was one of the first elected members of the District of Columbia School Board.

SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to outstanding teaching, Law School faculty members are remarkably productive scholars who are in demand around the world to present their work. We asked Professor Jon Van Dyke to tell us about some of his "works in progress." Here is his answer:

Over the summer I worked on an article on the maritime boundaries in the Yellow Sea (involving North, Korea, South Korea and China) (with Professor Seokwoo Lee at Inha University in Incheon, Korea); a paper on the national and international issues related to the establishment of the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument (with Professor Alison Rieser in the Geography Department); a paper on the nurturing of the independent judiciary in the Pacific Islands by U.S. courts and judges (working with the Ninth Circuit's Pacific Islands Committee); and an analysis of the impact of Black Carbon (soot) on global warming (with Durwood Zaelke and others). I have been completing the editing of a book of essays (with Seong-Yong Hong, President of Inha University), entitled Maritime Boundary Disputes, Settlement Processes, and the Law of the Sea, which will be published by Brill/Martinus Nijhoff in early 2009.

I’m finishing the final stages of four accepted for publication completed papers -- Transit Passage Through International Straits, in The Future of Ocean Regime-building: Essays in Tribute to Douglas M. Johnston (Aldo Chircop, Ted L. McDorman & Susan J. Rolston eds., forthcoming); Canada’s Authority to Prohibit LNG Vessels from Passing Through Head Harbour Passage to U.S. Ports, publication forthcoming in Ocean and Coastal Law Journal (fall 2008); Ocean Transport of Radioactive
In addition, Professor Van Dyke has been lecturing all around the world and working on two cases before the United States Supreme Court. He has been chosen by the Class of 2008 to speak at the Law School graduation.

**Faculty Scholarship, Awards, and Accomplishments**

**Associate Dean Hazel Beh ‘91** participated on a panel of lawyers and physicians discussing "Intersex Infants and Elective Genitoplasty: Issues of Consent" on September 5 at Lavender Law, the annual conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association in San Francisco.


**David Callies** was invited to join the Real Estate Advisory Board of LexisNexis for a two-year term which began in October. The Board advises LexisNexis on proposed new materials related to real estate and alerts the publisher to new trends and subjects upon which to publish additional materials. In September, David gave a seminar presentation on water rights in Hawai‘i for the Water Resources Research Center and spoke on land use law for planners at the annual conference of the Hawai‘i Congress of Planning Officials in Wailea, Maui. He also conducted a seminar on workforce housing and taught a class on housing discrimination at the Center for Real Estate Law at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

**Alison Conner** spoke to the East-West Center’s 2008 Hong Kong Journalism Fellows on “Current Issues in Chinese Law” on September 13. She gave presentations on “China’s Legal Environment” in Dallas, Fort Worth and Austin, Texas in September as part of the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum sponsored by the East-West Center. In early October, Professor Conner attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law in San Francisco, where she was elected secretary of the Society. Conner’s article “Don’t Change Your Husband: Divorce in Early Chinese Movies,” appeared in the July 2008 issue of the Connecticut Law Review.

University of Technology, Mauritius on January 5-7, 2009. Click on the link for more information on the

**Lawrence Foster**, President of the East-West Center's international alumni association, presided over the
association's biennial meeting in Indonesia, November 13-15. Participants included two Indonesian ministers,
Governor Linda Lingle, U.H. Mānoa Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw, and the U.S. ambassador to Indonesia, as
well as over 500 East-West Center alumni from 40 countries. Professor Foster gave a speech stressing the
value of cross-cultural interaction during the opening session of the conference.

**Justin D. Levinson** gave a presentation to the law faculty at the University of Haifa, Israel on “Memory, Social
Cognition and Decision-Making” last summer. His chapter, "Culture, Cognitions, and Legal Decision-Making"
recently appeared in the book Handbook of Motivation and Cognition across Cultures published by Elsevier
Press.

**Jill Ramsfield** received the Regents’ Medal for Excellence in Teaching in September. This is the University’s
highest teaching honor and can be awarded only once to a faculty member who exhibits an extraordinary level
of subject mastery and scholarship, teaching effectiveness and creativity, and personal values beneficial to
students. Click on link for the UH article http://www.Hawai‘i.edu/cgi-bin/uhnews?20080826160942.

**Randall Roth** spoke to Rotary Clubs on the Big Island, gave an interview at a Big Island radio station, and
delivered a brownbag presentation to lawyers and staff members of the law firm of Damon Key Leong Kupchak
Hastert during the month of August. He also gave presentations to Professor Vincent Shin's Executive MBA
class, the annual Conference of the American Society of Women Accountants, and the History Club of Hawai‘i.
Professor Roth also presented a paper and moderated a panel during the Western Region meeting of the
American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and later met with the Advisors Board and Members
Consultative Group in Philadelphia to seek approval for the latest sections of the Restatement Third of the Law
of Trusts. He presented the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Fiscal Management
Conference in Miami, Florida and made a presentation at the Hawai‘i Tax Institute in October.

**Dean Avi Soifer** served as a moderator for “A Primer on ConCon,” jointly sponsored by the League of Women
Voters, the Hawai‘i Institute of Public Affairs, and the Law School at the State Capitol Auditorium in
September. The morning’s proceedings, including a panel featuring Professor Van Dyke and Amy Trask ’09
were aired on ‘Olelo public access television. Dean Soifer also presented the opening remarks at the 48th
Annual Educational Conference of the American Judges Association in Maui. In October, he served as a
commentator at an interdisciplinary conference entitled “The Weimar Moment: Liberalism, Political Theology
and Law” at the University of Wisconsin and participated at a panel discussion on “Closing the Justice Gap” at
the Hawaii Justice Foundation annual meeting. He is chairing the Committee on Education, Communications,
and Conference Planning for the Commission. Dean Soifer’s article, “De Facto Slavery and the ‘Syren Songs of
Liberty and Equality’: Carol Weisbrod, Much Obliged,” recently appeared at 40 Conn. L.Rev. 1315 (2008).

**Jon Van Dyke** and Visiting Professor Ron Crocombe, discussed indigenous rights and marine monuments at a
series of public presentations sponsored by the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities in
October. Van Dyke examined a number of legal questions relating to indigenous rights in a talk titled “Rights
of Indigenous Peoples Under U.S. and International Law.” He also presented a talk entitled “What Are Marine
Monuments?,” which focused on the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument in the Northern
Hawaiian Islands. He and Professor Crocombe also gave presentations at public venues on Rota and Tinian.

**Eric Yamamoto** delivered the Honorable Mario G. Olmos Law & Cultural Diversity Memorial Lecture at the
University of California at Berkeley School of Law in September. This is UC Berkeley’s prestigious annual
Justice Lecture sponsored by Henderson Center for Social Justice in honor of the late Judge Olmos, a leading
community law advocate and jurist deeply concerned about fair and equal treatment for all in society and
particularly workers, immigrants, and multi-racial communities. Professor Yamamoto’s keynote kicked off a
two-day conference/workshop on "Transformative Justice." In October, he received the American Courage Award from the Asian American Justice Center at the National Press Club in D.C. This award is his third national award in the past three years. A celebration in recognition of his awards was held on November 12, 2008. Click here for more information on this wonderful celebration.

Program Updates
The Law School recently launched a new Culture and Jury Project (CAJP). It will be dedicated to facilitating interdisciplinary legal scholarship about juries, and to fostering understanding of law and legal processes in light of social science knowledge and comparative analysis about culture, decision-making, and implicit cognitive processes. CAJP research teams are conducting empirical projects in emerging world jury systems, implicit social cognition in the law, jury decision making, morality and punitive damages, and culture and legal decision making. To learn more about CAJP research initiatives, contact Justin D. Levinson, Director, or see http://www.hawai‘i.edu/law/cajp.

The Environmental Law Program (ELP) put on two very successful events in September. On September 15, ELP hosted its first colloquium of the school year, featuring Pat Gonzales-Rogers from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, who discussed the upcoming Elizabeth Sharpe Fellowship opportunity for law students. On September 17, ELP hosted its annual New Law Student Reception to introduce new students to the ELP courses, faculty members, the certificate program, and employment opportunities. ELP was honored with one of the "Who's Keeping Hawai‘i Green" Awards, joining celebrity Jack Johnson and innovative Hawai‘i businesses including Pacific Biodiesel, Town+Downtown, Maui Brewing Co., Evolution Sage, and Styrophobia. The awardees were profiled in the October issues of Hawai‘i Home+Remodeling, Honolulu Magazine, and Hawai‘i Business Magazine. The profile of ELP also highlights our efforts to achieve LEED Platinum for the Law School building expansion project.

The Hammurabi Legal Forum began at the Law School during the summer to support Rule of Law initiatives and legal scholarship in Iraq. Several students already have volunteered to help the Assistant Dean of the Baghdad Law School with research projects regarding environmental law, criminal statutes for protection of the environment, and the origins and rules of witness protection programs. Virginia Tice 3L is the law student coordinator and Professor James Pietsch is the faculty advisor for this informal group. Click here for the recent article on the program by the PBN.

The Immigration Law Clinic, led by Professor John Egan ‘00 along with volunteers from the local immigration bar, Na Loio Immigrant Legal Services, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai‘i, and Representative Mazie Hirono’s office, participated in a Citizenship Fair at Windward Community College in Kaneohe, where the Clinic assisted 20 lawful permanent residents in preparing applications to become United States citizens. In related news, the Refugee and Immigration Law Clinic team met with success in a hard-fought asylum case in Immigration Court, on remand from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. It had taken 15 years for this case to wind its way through the labyrinthine immigration adjudication system. The whole clinic team (including Scott Bullock 3L, Jasmine King 3L and Jonathan Devers 2L) assisted in assembling, critiquing, and editing a winning brief, which was presented in oral argument by Catherine Cachero 3L for the client, a 55-year-old Laotian woman who had experienced extra-judicial detention and forced labor and abuse in the Khmer Rouges’ “re-education” camps. The Immigration Law Clinic was featured in an article in the Pacific Business News. Click on the link to view the article: http://pacific.bizjournals.com/pacific/stories/2008/10/27/story9.html

The Part Time Program is off to a terrific start with 25 members in its first class. Allan Hoe ‘76 gave an inspirational talk during their orientation in which he quoted extensively from the opening day remarks of Chief Justice Richardson to the pioneering students when the Law School began in 1973, The Part Time Program along with the successful LSAT preparation efforts were featured in an article on the front page of the Honolulu Star Bulletin, Sunday edition. Click on the link to view the full article: http://www.starbulletin.com/news/Hawai‘inews/20081005_UH_law_school Bridges_gap_for_part-timers.html
Student Highlights
This year's APLPJ Board includes: Editor in Chief: Doris Tam 3L; Executive Editor in Chief: Angela Thompson 3L; Managing Editor: Na Lan 3L; Outside Articles Editors: Everett Ohta 3L, Jodi Higuchi 3L and Loren Tilley 3L; Notes and Comments Editors: Catherine Cachero 3L and Erline Greer 3L.


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The winners of the annual Susan B. McKay Intramural Oral Advocacy Competition are: First Place, Matthew Kajiura 3L; Second Place, Jason Say 2L; Third Place, Christian Chambers 3L; Fourth Place, Kee Campbell 3L; Fifth Place, Andrew Odell 3L, and Sixth Place, Mark Kaetsu 2L. This year’s competition drew 30 competitors, 30 volunteer bailiffs, and 30 volunteer judges, with the Honorable Gary W.B. Chang presiding over the final round.

Administration Update
Elisabeth Steele Hutchison joined the Law School as our new Director of Special Projects. She will help launch and co-ordinate our Health Law Policy Center and she will also help improve our website, work with alumni, and assist in many other projects. Elisabeth is a graduate of Carleton College and the Yale Law School. Elisabeth's office is in Room 215, her phone is 956-5557, and her e-mail is esteele@hawaii.edu.

Melissa Skillings, our new Assistant Director for the Part-Time Program, is also serving as our financial aid liaison. Melissa is a graduate of a part-time program at Hamline University School of Law, and she holds a Master’s Degree in Student Services. Prior to coming to the Law School, she worked at the UH Office of Research Services, following two years as a financial aid officer at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Melissa’s office is in the Student Services Office in Room 111. She will be available for appointments with students both during the day and in the evening. Melissa’s e-mail address is skilling@hawai’i.edu.

Alumni Highlights
Congratulations to all Richardson Alumni who passed the July 2008 Bar Exam. Our first-time takers’ pass rate was 85%. Our new lawyers include: Allan Michael Quinto Alicuben, Kimberly Keiko Asano, Lisa Doo Ayabe, Jason Ali'i Baker, Benjamin Ruel Brower, Daniel Lane Dean, Mark Damian Disher, Matthew Sadayoshi Dvonch, Matthew Thomas Evans, Adrienne Mei Lin Fong, Douglas Donnell Frederick, Yuko Funaki, Jeremy Andrew Grad, Aarin Francis Gross, Mel Hisato Hayashi, Rene Hermann Heimgartner, Miriah Eve Holden, Scott Edward Hovey, Te-Hina Te-Moana Ickes, Steven Keiji Idemoto, Nicole Saori Isa, Rikio Robert Iwaishi, Ryan Marsil Johnson, Aaron Isamu Karlen, Brengyei Rosemary Katosang, Jamie Shizue Kimura, Tracie Mariko Kobayashi, Katherine Yoshie Koga, Emma Rachel Littman, Marissa Lei Lin Lum, Marissa Hime Iolana Luning, Jael Eli Makagon, Makia Guilio Ikokwe Minerbi, Yumi Kristin Miyata, Dustin Michael Monroy, Byron Makagon, Nicole Rei Nakamura, Kamaile Amanda Nichols, Karyn Reiko Okada, Andrew Tadashi Park, Christine Sakiko Prepose,
Beadie Kanahele Dawson ‘81 of Dawson Group Inc. was selected by the Girl Scout Council of Hawai’i as a 2008 Woman of Distinction. She shares this honor with Anne Namba of Anne Namba Designs, Mary Worrall of Mary Worrall Associates Sotheby's International Realty and chef Bev Gannon of Bev Gannon Restaurants on Maui. This year's honorees will be recognized at the annual Girl Scout Council of Hawai’i's Woman of Distinction dinner from 6:30-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

Becky Gardner ’06 had a baby girl, Hana.

Yumi Miyata ’08 was recently hired by DLNR Director Laura Thielen as the new Departmental Project Coordinator; and she will be working alongside her 2008 classmate Kamaile Nichols (2008-09 DLNR Marine Law Fellow) on enforcement law and policy issues.

Vern Perez ’97 was recently sworn in as a judge in the Superior Court of Guam. Click on link for full article: http://guam.mvarietynews.com/index.php?view=article&id=1405%3Avern-perez-swo