

## FACULTY NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2006

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### Race, Culture, Class, and Crisis in Child Welfare: Theory into Practice



On November 17, a distinguished group of scholars, practitioners, and policy makers gathered at St. John's for a day-long symposium on the child welfare system. Titled [Race, Culture, Class, and Crisis in Child Welfare: Theory into Practice](#), the symposium was designed to create a dialogue to raise awareness of the bearing that race, culture, and class have on the child welfare system, and to explore alternatives for improving child welfare. Under the leadership of [Professor Theresa Hughes](#), the symposium was hosted by the [Child Advocacy Clinic](#) and funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Professors [Rosemary Salomone](#) and [Elaine Chiu](#) also assisted in organizing the symposium.

The day began with an opening address from Professor Hughes, followed by a Keynote Address by [Barbara Bennett Woodhouse](#), the David H. Levin Chair in Family Law and Director of the Center on Children and Families at the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law. The morning panel, which was moderated by Professor Salomone, featured four distinguished academics discussing the theoretical implications of race, culture, and class for the child welfare system. In the afternoon, the

conversation turned from theory to practice, with an address by Janet DiFiore, the Westchester County District Attorney, and an afternoon panel featuring the top child welfare officials from New York City and New Jersey. Professor Chiu gave the concluding remarks. Papers from the symposium will be published in the *St. John's Law Review*.

For more information about this symposium, click on the links below.

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## International Association of Judges Conference



For three days in November, judges from around the globe gathered at St. John's for a regional meeting of the [International Association of Judges](#). Organized and hosted by United States District Judge Joanna Seybert '71 and [Professor Christopher Borgen](#), the conference brought together judges from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Taiwan, and the United States for an international dialogue about the ways in which globalization has affected the work of judging. Participants in the conference included Richard J. Goldstone, former Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa; Diane P. Wood, United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Seventh Circuit; José E. Alvarez, President of the American Society of International Law; and numerous other international law scholars and practitioners. Several members of the St. John's faculty – including [Dean Daly](#), and Professors [Borgen](#), [Movsesian](#), and [Tamanaha](#) – moderated panel discussions, which were held both at the law school and at the University's Manhattan campus.

For more information about his conference, click on the links below,

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## Vincent C. Alexander, *Charles M. Sparacio Professor of Law*



Professor Alexander delivered a lecture to the Justices of the Appellate Term of New York Supreme Court on the topics of appellate review of credibility issues and appellate review and determination of issues ignored by the parties. He also did an evidence update for the Court Attorneys of the Third Judicial Department in Saratoga Springs, New York.

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## John Q. Barrett, *Professor of Law*



On November 20, Professor Barrett delivered a lecture on Justice Jackson and Nuremberg at the opening, plenary session of the conference, *The Nuremberg Process: The Lessons of History*, sponsored by the Institute of World History, [Russian Academy of Sciences](#), in Moscow. Just before going to Moscow, Professor Barrett, spoke at the dedication of new exhibit and archive rooms at the [Robert H. Jackson Center](#), Jamestown, New York. The inaugural exhibit in the new space was dedicated in honor of Justice Jackson's nephew, Harold Jackson Adams.

Earlier in the month, Professor Barrett moderated a program titled *The State of Supreme Court History*, at the [New York City Bar](#). The panelists were [Maeva Marcus](#) (George Washington University & Supreme Court Historical Society), [James F. Simon](#) (New York Law School), [Geoffrey R. Stone](#) (University of Chicago & Visiting Professor at NYU), and [William Wiecek](#) (Syracuse University College of Law).

Finally, Professor Barrett's book chapter, "One Good Man": *The Jacksonian Shape of Nuremberg*, was published in [The Nuremberg Trials: International Criminal Law Since 1945](#) (Die Nürnberger Prozesse: Völkerstrafrecht seit 1945) (Herbert R. Reginbogin & Christoph J.M. Safferling, eds.). Issued by K.G. Saur publishing house in Munich, the book, which contains some chapters in English and some in German, is the result of Touro's July 2005 conference in Nuremberg, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the start of the international trial.

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**Leonard M. Baynes**, *Professor of Law; Director, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development*



[The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development](#) received a \$10,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to fund the travel of a delegation of media diversity experts to the [National Media Reform Conference](#) in Memphis on January 12-14, 2007. Professor Baynes, who will head the delegation, will co-facilitate a Media Diversity Summit at the National Conference, and will also co-facilitate a [pre-conference session](#) of media scholars at the [Media Policy Research Pre-Conference](#), sponsored by the [Social Science Research Council](#). More information about this grant and the expert delegation is available [here](#).

In other media-related activities, Professor Baynes was part of a coalition of media scholars that briefed the staffs of the Federal Communications Commissioners and the staff of Senator Daniel Inouye on proposed studies that the FCC will be conducting as part of its review of media ownership rules. The FCC's announcement of the studies is available [here](#).

On November 11, Professor Baynes and the Ronald H. Brown Center hosted Catholic High School Law Day, during which almost eighty high school students spent the day at St. John's learning about law school and legal careers. The students participated in a panel discussion of minority lawyers moderated by Professor Baynes, received advice from admissions and career services counselors, heard a Keynote Address from Hon. Patricia Satterfield '77, participated in a mock law school class, and watched a mock trial performance. More information about the event is available [here](#).

The Brown Center also continued to receive press attention. [The Q-626 Report](#), a Brown Center study analyzing diversity in the Queens business community, was featured in the *Daily News*, and the Catholic High School Law Day was featured in *The Tablet*. Finally, the Brown Center agreed to contribute monthly opinion pieces to a National Public Radio blog that will focus on law, justice, and social policy. In addition to Professor Baynes, nine St. John's faculty who are affiliated members of the Brown Center have agreed to write the monthly commentaries – Professors [Barrett](#), [Borgen](#), [Chiu](#), [Folami](#), [Lee](#), [Nelson](#), [Salomone](#), [Tamanaha](#), and [Wade](#).

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**Christopher J. Borgen**, *Associate Professor of Law*



Professor Borgen was the moving force behind the [International Association of Judges Conference](#), which was held at the law school on November 8-11. In addition to co-organizing and co-hosting the three-day event, Professor Borgen moderated a panel titled “The Relation of Domestic and International Judiciaries.” More information about the conference is available [above](#) and [here](#).

In addition, Professor Borgen continued his work on the separatist conflict in Moldova. On November 15, he gave an address at the United Nations, in the Trusteeship Council Room, as part of a program titled *Separatism in Moldova: Legal Aspects of a “Frozen Conflict.”* The program was co-sponsored by the Missions of Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova, and was attended by approximately eighty Ambassadors, Legal Advisers, and senior counselors representing nearly fifty different embassies.

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**Robin A. Boyle**, *Professor of Legal Writing*



On November 17, Professor Boyle gave two presentations at the *New York-Area Academic Support Workshop*, which was held at Brooklyn Law School. In the morning, she spoke about “The Relationship Between the Writing Center and Academic Support.” In the afternoon, she presented on “Stress Management for Law Students.” In addition, she attended two different presentations on research into learning styles by St. John’s University doctoral candidates for whom she is serving on dissertation committees.

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**Lisa A. Catalano**, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education; Director, Securities Arbitration Clinic*



Under Professor Catalano’s leadership, the Securities Arbitration Clinic students conducted four Investor Education Seminars for the Queens community in November. One took place at the Law School, another took place at a Senior Center in Forest Hills, and two took place at public libraries in Queens. The students spoke about common investment products and their related risks, common causes of action in securities arbitration, and ways in which investors can protect themselves against fraudulent investment schemes and practices. As a result of the positive response from the more than sixty attendees, the Queens Central Library has asked the Clinic students to present a mini-series of investment related seminars.

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**Edward D. Cavanagh, Professor of Law**



On November 15, Professor Cavanagh hosted the 12th Annual Lewis Bernstein Memorial Lecture honoring Professor Harry First of NYU Law School. Professor First's lecture was titled *Lost in Conversation: The Compensatory Function of Antitrust*. More details about this year's Bernstein Lecture are available [here](#).

Professor Cavanagh also was a media commentator on recent Supreme Court anti-trust cases, including publishing a commentary in the *Legal Times* titled [\*Plead a Little: The Supreme Court Should Not Raise Pleading Standards for Antitrust\*](#).

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**Elaine M. Chiu, Associate Professor of Law**



Professor Chiu helped organize and then delivered closing remarks at the Child Welfare Symposium [\*Race, Culture, Class and Crisis: Theory into Practice\*](#).

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**Nina J. Crimm, Professor of Law**



Professor Crimm's article *Toward Facilitating a Voice for Politically Marginalized Minorities and Enhancing Presidential Public Accountability and Transparency in Foreign Health Policymaking* was published at 39 *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* 1053 (2006).

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**Mary C. Daly, Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law and Ethics**



Dean Daly attended the [Federal Bar Council's Fall Bench and Bar Retreat](#) in Lenox, Massachusetts, where she participated in a panel titled "Timely Topics in Legal Ethics." In addition, at the [International Association of Judges Conference](#), Dean Daly moderated a panel titled "Globalizing Economy, Globalizing Profession."

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**Ann L. Goldweber**, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education; Director of Clinical Education; Director, Elder Law Clinic*



Professor Goldweber served as faculty advisor to the ABA's regional Negotiation Competition, which was hosted by the law school on November 4-5, 2006. That same weekend, Professor Goldweber spoke at St. Clement Pope Church, in Queens, about deed theft, foreclosure rescue scams, predatory lending, home improvement contractor fraud, and reverse mortgages. Lastly, on November 17, Professor Goldweber spoke at the University's New Faculty Orientation, which was sponsored by the Vincentian Center for Church and Society, where Professor Goldweber is a Senior Fellow.

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**David L. Gregory**, *Dorothy Day Professor of Law*



Professor Gregory made opening remarks before the play, *Haunted by God* (on the life of Catholic Worker founder Dorothy Day), on November 16, as part of the Labor Law Society's co-curricular series of speakers and programs. He also was quoted in *Workforce Management* magazine, and on the front page of the business section of *The New York Times* on November 30, on labor relations issues in the auto industry.

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**Theresa Hughes**, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education; Director, Child Advocacy Clinic*



Professor Hughes organized the day-long symposium [\*Race, Culture, Class, and Crisis in Child Welfare: Theory into Practice\*](#), which was held at the law school on November 17. At the Symposium, Professor Hughes gave the opening address, which included a five-minute multimedia presentation that had been created in partnership with the University's Fine Arts Department. The Symposium was hosted by the Child Advocacy Clinic, which Professor Hughes directs, and was funded by a [grant from the U.S. Department of Justice](#). The grant was awarded in January 2006, after several years of effort by Professor Hughes and with the essential support of Senator Hillary Clinton.

The federal grant was also used to fund the publication of *Timmy's Story*, an illustrated booklet designed to explain the child welfare system to the young children who are involved in it. The text for the booklet was written by Professor Hughes and students from the Child Advocacy Clinic, while the artwork and design were created by a student and a faculty members in the University's Fine Arts Department. The booklet will be distributed through family courts throughout the metropolitan area. It is also available on the web [here](#).

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**Y.S. (Steve) Lee**, *Assistant Professor of Law; Senior Fellow, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development*



On November 16, Professor Lee was a guest lecturer in Professor Whitmore Gray's class on Asian Legal Systems at Fordham Law School. Professor Lee spoke about legal process and proposed legal education reform in Korea.

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**Dale S. Margolin**, *Clinical Teaching Fellow*



Professor Margolin conducted "Know-Your-Legal-Rights Workshops" for young people in foster care group homes in Suffolk County and Brooklyn.

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**Mark L. Movsesian**, *Visiting Professor of Law*



Professor Movsesian moderated a panel titled "International Arbitration and Domestic Judiciaries" at the [International Association of Judges Conference](#), which was hosted by the law school on November 8-10.

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**Janai S. Nelson**, *Research Professor of Law; Fellow, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development*



Professor Nelson was a panelist Georgetown Law Center's symposium [The Law of Politics: The Role of Law in Advancing Democracy](#), where she presented her paper *White Challengers, Black Majorities: Reconciling Competition in Majority-Minority Districts with the Promise of the Voting Rights Act*. The paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Georgetown Law Journal*.

Professor Nelson also attended the Annual Meeting of the [African Studies Association](#) in San Francisco. As part of a panel titled "Ghana's Democracy Project," Professor Nelson presented her working paper *Democracy, Detention and Disfranchisement: Ghana's Practice of Denying Voting Rights to its Incarcerated Citizens*. The paper grows out of Professor Nelson's research last year as a Fulbright Scholar in Ghana.

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**Michael A. Perino**, *Professor of Law*



Professor Perino's article [Law, Ideology, and Strategy in Judicial Decision Making: Evidence from Securities Fraud Actions](#) was published at 3 *Journal of Empirical Studies* 497. The [Journal of Empirical Studies](#) is a peer-reviewed journal edited at Cornell Law School.

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**Rosemary C. Salomone**, *Kenneth Wang Professor of Law*



Professor Salomone's commentary [Single-Sex Schooling and the Language of Difference](#) was published in the November issue of [TCRecord On-Line](#). In the article, Professor Salomone argues that the persistent focus on hard-wired differences between boys and girls that has captured the media is both untested in its purported implications and potentially harmful to students.

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**Michael A. Simons**, *Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship and Professor of Law*



On November 11, Professor Simons participated in the Ronald H. Brown Center's [Catholic High School Law Day](#), where he taught a mock class for the high school students participating in the program. On November 15, Professor Simons was the speaker at the law school's Corporate and Securities Law Society monthly brown bag lunch, where he spoke about the sentencing of white collar criminals.

Finally, on November 30, Professor Simons delivered the Annual Finnegan/Polestino Memorial Lecture to the Queens County Judges' Association. The lecture is named for Hon. Lawrence J. Finnegan, Jr. '65L, a long-time Supreme Court Justice and adjunct professor at the law school, and Professor Frank S. Polestino, the long-time School of Law professor who delivered the lecture for many years. Professor Simons spoke about recent updates in New York evidence law.

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**Jeff Sovern**, *Professor of Law*



On November 10, Professor Sovern spoke at the [National Consumer Law Center's 15th Annual Consumer Rights Litigation Conference](#) in Miami. Professor Sovern was part of a panel on "Teaching Consumer Law."

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**Susan J. Stabile**, *Dean George W. Matheson Professor of Law*



Professor Stabile delivered her paper “*Poor*” Coverage: *The Preferential Option for the Poor and Access to Health Care* at a faculty colloquium at the University of St. Thomas University School of Law. In addition, the 2006 Supplement to her treatise *ERISA Litigation* was published by BNA.

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**Julie E. Steiner**, *Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*



On November 2, Professor Steiner participated in panel at Syracuse University titled “Remembering Flight 103 from Personal Perspectives and the Current Plight Against Terrorism.” Professor Steiner’s talk was titled “Remembering Flight 103: Balancing Current Attempts to Thwart Terrorism and Civil Liberties.” The panel was part of [Remembrance Week](#), a series of events memorializing the thirty-five Syracuse students who were killed in the crash of Pan Am Flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988.

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**Brian Z. Tamanaha**, *Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo Professor of Law*



Professor Tamanaha was invited to be the 84th Cleveland-Marshall Fund Visiting Scholar at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law during the 2007-2008 year. As the holder of this endowed visitorship, Professor Tamanaha will deliver a public address, make a separate scholarly presentation to the faculty, deliver remarks to the faculty and staff at a luncheon, and teach one or two classes. Past Cleveland-Marshall Fund Visiting Scholars have included Martha Fineman, Margaret Jane Radin, Akhil Amar, Erwin Chemerinsky, Marc Galanter, Derrick Bell, Noam Chomsky, and Paul Brest.

At the [International Association of Judges Conference](#) here at the law school, Professor Tamanaha moderated a panel discussion titled “What Are the Limits of Cross-Border Judicial Dialogue?” Professor Tamanaha also was recently elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the [Law and Society Association](#).

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**Nelson Wiss Tebbe**, *Assistant Professor of Law*



Professor Tebbe delivered a talk at the [Taubman Center for Public Policy](#) at Brown University. His lecture, titled “American Law & Policy: Free Exercise and the Problem of Symmetry,” concerned the constitutional law of religious freedom.

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**G. Ray Warner, Professor of Law; Director, L.L.M. in Bankruptcy Program**



Professor Warner was re-elected to Board of Directors of the [American Board of Certification](#), the National Board Certification Program for Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights Attorneys. In addition, he participated in the [National Association of Credit Management's Legal Symposium](#), which was held in conjunction with the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Meeting of the [Commercial Law League of America](#). Professor Warner's panel was titled "BAPCPA – One Year Later."

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**Philip Weinberg, Professor of Law**



On November 16, Professor Weinberg attended a meeting of the City Bar Association's Condemnation and Tax Certiorari Committee, where he spoke about the implications of the Supreme Court's *Kelo v City of New London* decision on the constitutionality of eminent domain.

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**Robert M. Zinman, Professor of Law**



As part of a day-long New York State Bar Association CLE program titled [Hot Topics in Real Property Law and Practice](#), Professor Zinman presented "How to Avoid Bankruptcy Traps for the Landlord and Tenant" on November 14 in Melville, Long Island, and on November 28 in Manhattan.

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