

FACULTY NEWS AND ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 2006 – JANUARY 2007

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- [Alexander](#) receives Dean John J. Murphy Award from Alumni Association
- [Catalano](#) secures \$492,000 grant for Securities Arbitration Clinic
- Articles accepted by *Columbia Law School Journal of Law and Social Problems* ([Hughes](#)), *Journal of World Trade* ([Lee](#)), *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* ([Boyle](#))
- Articles published in *Florida Law Review* ([Zick](#)), *Washington University Journal of Law and Public Policy* ([Zick](#)), *St. John's Law Review* ([Baynes](#)), *Journal of Legal Education* ([Boyle](#)), *Villanova Environmental Law Journal* ([Weinberg](#)), *A.B.A. Preview of Supreme Court Cases* ([Hennigan](#)), *New York Real Property Law Journal* ([DiLorenzo](#)), *Education Week* ([Salomone](#))
- [Goldweber](#) and [Gould](#) accompany St. John's students to New Orleans for Project Katrina
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- Faculty involvement at the New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting: [DiLorenzo](#), [Zinman](#)

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



The St. John's Law Alumni Association honored Professor Alexander at the Annual Alumni Luncheon on January 26, 2007, by presenting him the Dean John J. Murphy Award in recognition of distinguished service to the public, the profession, and the rule of law. More information about the event and Professor Alexander's honor is available [here](#).

In addition, Professor Alexander's 2006-2007 Supplementary Practice Commentaries on the Civil Practice Law and Rules, in *McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York*, were published in December. Professor Alexander also spoke at the [New York State Judicial Institute](#), lecturing on evidence for the newly-elected judges of New York, and delivering an evidence update for New York court attorneys.

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



On January 25, at the annual Vincentian Convocation held as part of the University's Founder's Week Celebration, Professor Baynes was awarded the President's Medal, in recognition of his "outstanding service" to the University and to society. Professor Baynes' brother John Baynes was also honored at the Convocation with the Ozanam Medal, in recognition of his work that has "significantly improved the situation of the poor and advanced the cause of social justice." In his remarks at the Convocation, St. John's University President Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., praised the "Baynes brothers" as "champions of diversity, champions of opportunity." More information about this honor, including a [photo gallery](#), is available [here](#).

Professor Baynes made several appearances in connection with his scholarly work relating to diversity and the media. Most notably, he led a delegation of media diversity experts to the [National Media Reform Conference](#) in Memphis. The delegation was sponsored by the Ronald H. Brown Center and supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation. At the Conference, Professor Baynes moderated a session on Media Reform, Media Justice and the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; he moderated a Media Diversity Summit where audience members were able to share their concerns about the media; and he moderated a [pre-conference session](#) of media scholars at the [Media Policy Research Pre-Conference](#) sponsored by [Social Science Research Council](#) entitled *Race and Media Representation*. More information about the Ford Foundation grant and the expert delegation is available [here](#).

Professor Baynes also moderated a public forum on Religion and Broadcasting, which was hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in cooperation with the National Council of Churches of Christ and the United Church of Christ. Leaders of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths, as well as FCC Commissioner Michael Copps, gathered at the Thirteen/WNET studio in New York to discuss the ways that broadcasters cover religious events and whether that coverage meets the needs of their community members. More details about this event, including Professor Baynes' [opening remarks](#), are available [here](#).

Professor Baynes also attended the Conference on Socioeconomics held at Georgetown University in conjunction with the AALS Annual Meeting, where he gave a presentation titled *Telecommunications and the Internet, Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Socio-Economics*.

Also related to diversity in the media, Professor Baynes posted *Race, Lies, Videotape, and the Broadcast Media* on the National Public Radio blog [Justice Talking](#). Professor Baynes' post is the first of what will be a monthly series involving nine members of the St. John's faculty who are affiliated with the Brown Center. He was also featured in a [Catholic News Service article](#) on the ways in which diversity concerns are shaping the debate about media ownership rules.

In other activities, Professor Baynes' article, [The Q-626 Report](#), a Brown Center study analyzing diversity in the Queens business community, was published in the *St. John's Law Review*. He was featured in an *American Lawyer* article titled *Fixing the Holes* about pipeline programs designed to increase the diversity of the legal profession, including the Brown Center's Summer Prep Program and the Legal Outreach Program. He also testified at a [New York State Senate Forum on Judicial Diversity](#), which was hosted at St. John's. Professor Baynes' testimony is available [here](#).

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Christopher J. Borgen, *Associate Professor of Law*



Professor Borgen's influential blog [*Opinio Juris*](#) continued to receive recognition and acclaim. For several days in January, John Bellinger, the Legal Adviser of the Department of State, was a guest blogger at *Opinio Juris*. Mr. Bellinger wrote a post each day on various issues of international law and U.S. foreign policy. Constitutional and international lawyers and scholars from across the political spectrum provided comments and responsive postings, while interested readers were able to post questions and comments. Mr. Bellinger's guest stint at *Opinion Juris* was the first time that a senior administration official was available for public discussion over a lengthy period via a law blog. The spirited and high-level conversation that ensued received extensive coverage in the mainstream on-line media, including in [*The Wall Street Journal's Law Blog*](#), in the [*Daily Telegraph of London*](#), in [*Foreign Policy*](#), and in [*U.S. News and World Report*](#).

In a related development, *Opinio Juris* has been selected by the United States Library of Congress for inclusion in its historic collections of Internet materials related to Legal Blogs. In deciding which web sites to select for its permanent collections, the Library of Congress considers such criteria as: "usefulness in serving the current or future informational needs of Congress and researchers, unique information provided, scholarly content, and currency of the information."

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Robin A. Boyle, *Professor of Legal Writing*



Professor Boyle's article *Generation X in Law School: How These Law Students are Different from Those Who Teach Them*, co-authored with Joanne Ingham, was published at 56 *Journal of Legal Education* 281. Another article, *Suggestions on How to Conduct Empirical Research: A Behind-the-Scenes View*, also written with Joanne Ingham, was accepted for publication in [*Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research & Writing*](#).

At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Boyle chaired the Program Committee that planned the Section on Academic Support workshop titled "Integrating Academic Support Across the Curriculum." In addition, she was elected to the board of the Section on Academic Support and to the Executive Committee of the Section on Law and Social Sciences.

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Gina M. Calabrese, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education; Associate Director, Elder Law Clinic*



Professor Calabrese organized and moderated the annual Graduate Students Seminar, which is part of the University's Founder's Week celebration. Consistent with the Founder's Week theme of "Solidarity," the title of the panel was "Solidarity Across the Professions Through Interdisciplinary Practice." The panel showcased the interdisciplinary work of the Law School's Child Advocacy and Elder Law Clinics. Clinic students from the Law School and the School of Education described interdisciplinary approaches used to best serve client needs and also discussed the benefits and challenges of interdisciplinary work.

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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 was awarded a \$492,000 grant from the New York State Attorney General's Office. The grant will enable the clinic to increase the supervising staff, to accept additional students into the program, and to represent additional clients. The clinic also plans to use the funding to increase its investor education and community outreach efforts. More information about this major grant is available [here](#).

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Elaine M. Chiu, *Associate Professor of Law*



In December and January, Professor Chiu was a guest contributor on the [PrawfsBlawg](#) blog. Her posts discussed the recent killing of Sean Bell by New York City police officers, the parallels in the sexual abuse of children in the United States and abroad, and cultural differences in views of good parenting.

Professor Chiu also wrote a short article on cultural defenses for the latest issue of *Goal IX*, a newsletter publication of the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession.

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



In December, Dean Daly testified before the United States Department of Education in support of the ABA's application for re-recognition as the accrediting body for the first degree in law. Dean Daly's testimony, which focused on the ABA's efforts to increase law school diversity, was later featured in an ABA eJournal article, *ABA Accreditation Role OK'd: Diversity Standard Survives Education Panel Scrutiny*.

Dean Daly also participated as a panelist at a PLI program on *Attorney-Client Privilege and Internal Investigations* and at a Georgetown University Law Center conference on *The Human Side of Global Sourcing*. At the Georgetown conference, Dean Daly spoke about ethical issues raised by offshoring legal services.

Finally, at the AALS Annual Meeting, Dean Daly was reappointed Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure.

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Vincent DiLorenzo, *Professor of Law*



Professor DiLorenzo made a presentation on "Private Right of Action: The Uncertain Dividing Line between the Martin Act and Common Law Fraud" on January 25, 2007 at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association. The presentation was part of a program on Advanced Topics in Condominium and Cooperative Law sponsored by the Real Property Law Section.

In addition, Professor DiLorenzo's article, *Restrictions on Sale of Condominium Units*, was published in the Winter 2007 issue of the [New York Real Property Law](#)

[Journal](#). The article explores the doctrine prohibiting unreasonable restraints on alienation and the uncertainty created by recent case law applying the doctrine.

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



Along with Professor Keri Gould, Professor Goldweber accompanied thirty St. John's law students to New Orleans during winter break to help Katrina victims with a variety of legal problems. She supervised eight law students in the Katrina Gideon Misdemeanor Project designed by the New Orleans Public Defenders, the Tulane Law Clinic, and the Student Hurricane Network. The students interviewed defendants who had been detained before trial on misdemeanor charges, finding out how much time they had spent in prison, hearing their stories, and starting to prepare a defense. More information about the Katrina Project, including a [photo gallery](#), is available [here](#).

Professor Goldweber also spoke at the Graduate Students Seminar, which was part of the University's Founder's Week celebration. The seminar was titled "Solidarity Across the Professions Through Interdisciplinary Practice," and Professor Goldweber discussed the importance of collaboration among professionals from various disciplines in best serving their clients and communities.

In the community, Professor Goldweber gave a presentation on financial elder abuse at the Queensboro Council for Social Welfare Forum at Ravenswood Senior Center on December 15, 2006.

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Keri K. Gould, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education; Assistant Dean for Professional Skills*



Along with Professor Ann Goldweber, Professor Gould accompanied St. John's law students to New Orleans to work on the Katrina Project. Professor Gould supervised eight students who worked on advice felony cases, including interviewing the defendants, organizing the defense files, consulting with the assigned defense counsel, and generally beginning the process of preparing a defense. More information about the Katrina Project, including a [photo gallery](#), is available [here](#).

In addition, at the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Gould was elected to the Executive Board of the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA).

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



Professor Gregory was quoted in a *New York Times* article about the Transit Workers Union elections in the wake of the 2006 transit strike. He was also quoted in a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* article about declining union membership nationwide.

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Akilah N. Folami, *Associate Professor of Legal Writing*

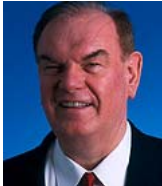


Professor Folami testified at the Federal Communications Commission's Media Ownership Hearing in Nashville held on December 11, 2006. Her testimony related to her recent article *From Habermas to 'Get Rich or Die Tryin': Hip Hop, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Black Public Sphere*, which will be published in the *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*. More information about Professor Folami's testimony, including the [text of her testimony](#), is available [here](#).

Professor Folami also attended the [National Media Reform Conference](#) in Memphis as one part of the expert delegation sponsored by the Ronald H. Brown Center and supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation. More information about the Ford Foundation grant and the expert delegation is available [here](#).

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John P. Hennigan, *Professor of Law*



Professor Hennigan's article *May Attorneys' Fees Be Awarded in Bankruptcy for Litigating Only Bankruptcy Law Issues? (Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America v. Pacific Gas and Electric Company)* was published in the *A.B.A. Preview of Supreme Court Cases, 2006-2007 Term*.

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



Professor Hughes' article *A Paradigm of Youth Client Satisfaction: Heightening Professional Responsibility for Children's Advocates* was accepted for publication in the *Columbia Law School Journal of Law and Social Problems*.

In December, Professor Hughes and the Child Advocacy Clinic were featured on a Queens Public Television show titled "Child Advocacy at St. John's." More details about that appearance are available [here](#). In January, Professor Hughes participated in the University's Founder's Week celebration by speaking about the Child Advocacy Clinic at the Annual Faculty Research Lunch.

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Lawrence Joseph, *Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., Professor of Law*



Professor Joseph was a featured reader at [Lubnan: A Literary Evening](#), sponsored by the Middle East & Middle Eastern American Center, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, on December 8, 2006. His writings were also featured in a critical essay, [This Hyphen Called My Spinal Cord: Arab-American Literature at the Beginning of the 21st Century](#), by David Williams, which appeared in the January-February 2007 issue of *World Literature Today*.

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



Professor Lee's article *Free Trade at a Crossroad: An Attempted Legal Framework for Economic Integration of the United States and the Republic of Korea?* was accepted for publication in the *Journal of World Trade*. During December and January, Professor Lee conducted field research work for this article in Japan and Korea.

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Dale S. Margolin, *Clinical Teaching Fellow*



Professor Margolin conducted two training sessions for the New York City Family Court Child Mediation Program titled "Working with Adolescents in Foster Care." In addition, her Letter to the Editor about the lack of resources in Family Court was published in *The New York Times* on December 12.

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Mark L. Movsesian, *Visiting Professor of Law*



In December, Professor Movsesian traveled to San Diego for the [Annual Workshop](#) of the American Society of International Law's Interest Group on International Law in Domestic Courts. At the workshop, Professor Movsesian presented his paper *International Judgments and "Respectful Consideration": Understanding Sanchez-Llamas*. Professor Movsesian was one of five scholars selected to present at the workshop.

At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Movsesian participated in an Open Source panel titled "*Did the First Restatements Implement a Reform Agenda?*" Professor Movsesian's presentation was titled *Williston as Conservative-Pragmatist*.

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Robert E. Parella, *George F. Keenan Professor of Real Property Law*



In January, Professor Parella conducted a CLE program for the Staten Island Alumni Chapter on "Recent Developments in Property and in Trusts and Estates."

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Elyse Pepper, *Associate Professor of Legal Writing*



Professor Pepper's paper *Legal Storytelling Through Film: Finding the Statement of Facts in Dogville* was accepted for presentation at the Legal Writing Institute's interdisciplinary conference in summer 2007 at City University Inns of Court Law School in London.

[Profile of Prof. Pepper](#)

Linda M. Ryan, *Research Professor of Law; Director of Law the Rittenberg Library*



At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Ryan was elected Chair-Elect of the AALS Section on Law Libraries. She also planned and moderated a discussion at the Directors' breakfast on the question "Do ABA Standards and the Accreditation Process Stifle Innovation in Law Libraries?" and was a panelist at the Workshop for New/Newer Directors.

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



Professor Salomone's commentary, *Putting Single-Sex Schooling Back on Course* was published in the December 6, 2006 issue of *Education Week*.

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



Professor Simons gave two lectures at the [New York State Judicial Institute](#) on *Recent Developments in Criminal Evidence*.

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Jeff Sovern, *Professor of Law*



Professor Sovern's Letter to the Editor on identity fraud was published in *The New York Times* on December 18, 2006.

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



In January, Professor Stabile participated in a panel titled "[Christian Feminism and the Law](#)" at conference co-sponsored by Lumen Christie and Christian Law Professors Fellowship. The conference was held in conjunction with the AALS Annual Meeting.

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Nelson Wiss Tebbe, *Assistant Professor of Law*



At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Tebbe was elected co-chair of the Nominating Committee and member of the Executive Board for the Law & Religion Section.

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Ettie Ward, *Professor of Law*



Professor Ward organized a CLE program titled “[Habeas Corpus Petitions](#)” for federal law clerks in the Second Circuit. The program, which was sponsored by the Federal Bar Council, was held in the Southern District and was available to law clerks throughout the Second Circuit by videoconference.

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



At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Warner organized and moderated the Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education program titled “Marketing the Post-Graduate Law Program.” Professor Warner is outgoing Section Chair and was elected to a position on the section’s Executive Committee.

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Philip Weinberg, *Professor of Law*



Professor Weinberg’s article *Endangered Statute? The Current Assault on the Endangered Species Act* was published at 17 *Villanova Environmental Law Journal* 389.

In addition, Professor Weinberg spoke about “Environmental Statutes and Common Law Remedies” at the New York City Environmental Law Leadership Institute, a CLE program for recently admitted lawyers at New York firms and government agencies.

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Timothy Zick, *Associate Professor of Law*



Professor Zick saw two major articles published. In December, his article [Property, Place, and Public Discourse](#) was published at 21 *Washington University Journal of Law and Public Policy* 173. In January, his article [Clouds, Cameras, and Computers: The First Amendment and Networked Public Places](#) was published at 59 *Florida Law Review* 1. These are the fourth and fifth full-length articles that Professor Zick has had published in just the past two years.

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Robert M. Zinman, Professor of Law



At the New York State Bar Association's Annual Meeting, Professor Zinman was given the Professionalism Award of the Real Property Law Section. Professor Zinman was also a speaker at three different sessions of the NYSBA Annual Meeting: he spoke at the Real Property Law Section's CLE program, at a Joint Meeting of the Committee on Real Estate Financing and the Committee on Real Estate Workouts and Bankruptcy of the Real Property Law Section; and at a meeting of the Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section. All three talks concerned various issues arising out of the potential adoption of a modified Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act in New York.

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