

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education New Orleans, Louisiana



We are excited to announce the Section on Clinical Legal Education program for the annual meeting in New Orleans. The section program will come after the section luncheon on January 9th.

**Section on Clinical Legal Education
2010 Annual Meeting Program
January 9, 2009 3:30 - 5:15 pm
Jefferson, Third Floor, Hilton New Orleans Riverside**

Cultivating Values: Developing Law Students into Citizen Lawyers

The program will take an interactive look at three fundamental questions concerning the role of clinical law teachers in nurturing in their students the idea of building a meaningful life as lawyers with the values of integrity, trust and the inspiration to create positive change.

These questions are:

1. Can/does Clinical Legal Education have an impact on our students' values?
2. Should clinicians attempt to teach certain values such as social justice lawyering and citizen-lawyer responsibility?

If we should, how can we do it?

The program will encourage audience interaction with the presenter and with the panelists.

Moderator: Cathy O'Grady, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs and the Profession Sandra Day O' Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Presenter: Jennifer Lindholm, PhD
UCLA Higher Education Research Institute
Project Director for "Spirituality in Higher Education: A National Study of
College Students' Search for Meaning and Purpose."

Dr. Lindholm will give us an overview of the current research on teaching values to adult learners.

Panelists: Raj Raghunath, Assistant Professor
University of Denver Law School.

Adam Babich, Director of the Environmental Law Clinic,
Tulane University Law School

Emily Spieler, Dean
Northeastern Law School

NEW ORLEANS—A FULL SALT AGENDA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM: [Day of Service](#)—co-hosted with the Poverty Law Teachers. [Register on line for this event](#); \$60 fee includes transportation, lunch, and a contribution to local activist organizations.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH: 8:00 PM-10:00 PM : [Robert Cover Workshop](#)—(immediately following the AALS Gala): In the Public Interest: Exploring the Legacy of Robert Cover as Professor, Activist, and Scholar. This is a free event! No registration required. Note that the day and time have been changed from the AALS Program.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9: 5:00 PM-7:00 PM: [Sneak Preview—Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice](#)—at the Hotel Monteleone, SALT, along with UC Davis School of Law, will be showing a sneak preview of "Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice," a new documentary by Abby Ginzberg about Cruz Reynoso: a founding SALT board member, a former justice of the California Supreme Court, the 1993 recipient of the SALT Great Teacher Award, and currently a professor at UC Davis School of Law. This is a free event! Seating is limited. Dean Kevin R. Johnson is hosting a beverage service and will be moderating a discussion including the filmmaker and Justice Reynoso. Reserve a place by emailing rsvp@saltlaw.org.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH: 7:00 COCKTAILS, 8:00 PM-10:00PM: [SALT Annual Dinner](#)—at the Hotel Monteleone. [Tickets are available on line for the early bird price of \\$95.](#) Celebrate the contributions to law teaching by Francisco Valdés, University of Miami, SALT's Great Teacher. Enjoy the New Orleans cuisine and the dinner jazz concert by the Victor Atkins Trio.

Please take note of and join in the two events described below at the AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Sameer Ashar, Juliet Brodie, Sarah Buel, Ann Juergens, Clare Pastore, and Jeff Selbin have planned what promises to be a timely and interesting program for the Poverty Law Section. In addition, SALT and the Poverty Law Teachers have joined forces to organize a day of service in the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans

Association of American Law Schools Section on Poverty Law

Annual Meeting Program

Friday, January 8, 2010

4:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Prince of Wales, Third Floor, Hilton New Orleans Riverside

The New Anti-Poverty Advocacy: Constructs, Strategies and Tactics

Representing Families in Distress

Bernadette D'Souza

Managing Attorney, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services

Litigating to Break the School-to-Prison Pipeline

Ron Lospennato

Director of the School to Prison Reform Project, Southern Poverty Law Center

Building Power for Workers Across Boundaries of Race and Immigration

Status: the Role of the Law and Community Lawyering

Jennifer J. Rosenbaum

Legal Director, New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice

Saket Soni

Executive Director, New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice

Professor William P. Quigley, Moderator and Discussant Loyola University New Orleans and Legal Director, Center for Constitutional Rights The recent pronounced shifts in American politics and economics intensify the need for sustained reflection, as we consider how to shape legal activism, scholarship, and policy-making against poverty. The re-emergence of the Democratic Party in national politics and the renewed support for government action simultaneously create openings for activists and advocates and invite caution. Similarly, the failures of the American banking system, massive government deficits, and the continued restructuring and globalization of the U.S. economy cause great misery for those at the bottom and present opportunities to press for fundamental and progressive reform. It remains unclear whether this period is one in which power will be redistributed downward and outward to poor and working people or whether the defining values and hierarchies of the political economy in the last thirty years - variously labeled neo-liberalism, neo-conservatism, or free market fundamentalism - will be reinforced

This program will feature the work of five innovative advocates working in the crucible of post-Katrina New Orleans. Their legal strategies both stem from and transcend the particular conditions facing poor people in a former disaster zone. Professor Quigley will situate their approaches in the larger contexts of poverty law scholarship and the current complex political moment.

Service Day in New Orleans

Where:

New Orleans

Starts:

January 7th, 2010 9:00 AM

Ends:

January 7th, 2010 1:00 PM

On Thursday, January 7, SALT and the Poverty Law Teachers are co-sponsoring a Day of Service in New Orleans to coincide with the AALS Annual Meeting. The day begins at 9:00 A.M. with volunteer service coordinated by the Lower Ninth Ward Center for Sustainable Engagement and Development, the New Orleans Group of the Sierra Club, and other local organizations. Immediately following will be a lunchtime session during which local providers and advocates will educate law school participants about needs in the Gulf Coast region and work with us to devise creative responses to the continuing calls for law-related assistance. Buses will be provided to transport participants to and from the Annual Meeting Hotel site.

Participation in the event is limited. Advance registration is required. The cost for the event is \$60.00, which covers bus transportation to and from the hotel, lunch, and a contribution to the host service providers. Registration begins October 1 and can be completed on the SALT website at:

<http://www.saltlaw.org/events/view/33>.

Please note that the AALS has scheduled Saturday afternoon bus trips through affected areas of New Orleans, with host faculty from Louisiana law schools serving as guides. These bus tours are not directly connected with this service event. In addition, a separate field trip co-sponsored by AALS and the Environmental Law Section is scheduled for January 7. Registration for any AALS sponsored field trip must be done separately.

For more information about the service day program, contact Nancy Cook at nlcook@umn.edu or Lisa Martin at MartinL@law.cua.edu.