Faculty Focus

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


In 2006, Phyllis L. Crocker became one of the co-authors of Katz & GIANNELLI, CRIMINAL LAW (2D ED. 2003) part of Baldwin’s Ohio Practice Series. She took over Bev Blair’s sixteen chapters and the Forms volume after Bev moved to Florida. Her chapters cover everything from Appeals and Post-Conviction to Theft, Fraud, and Offenses Against Justice and Public Administration.

Dena S. Davis, Genital Alteration of Female Minors, chap. 3 in CUTTING TO THE CORE: EXPLORING THE ETHICS OF CONTESTED SURGERIES, ED. DAVID BENATAR (Rowman & Littlefield, 2006).


Deborah A. Geier, *Should the Home Mortgage Interest Deduction be Reduced?* 25 Newsquarterly: ABA Section of Taxation Newsletter no. 2, p. 10 (Winter 2006).


Claire Robinson May, *Teaching Persuasion and Critical Thinking Using the State of the Union Address* issue, THE LAW TEACHER (Spring 2006).


**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

On August 11th, Susan Becker presented (with C-M Adjunct Professor Frank Osborne) a day-long program for Ohio magistrates which they titled “Selected Rules of Civil Procedure: Common Issues and Hidden Problems.” This seminar was sponsored by the Ohio Judicial College and held at the Mohican Resort and Conference Center.

Dena Davis co-presented a paper on "Cloning and Identity in Western and Confucian Contexts," at the XXth European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare, in Helsinki.

Kathleen Engel will be presenting her work on the impact of predatory lending on home ownership initiatives at the Fair Housing and Lending Conference sponsored by HID and Housing Advocates, Inc. on October 20, 2006.

In July, Dennis Keating co-chaired the track on Planning Law and Property Rights at the World Planning Schools Congress held in Mexico City.

In addition, Dennis will be:

- presenting a paper on Rental Housing Abandonment at a Rental Housing Summit sponsored by the Joint Center on Housing Studies at Harvard University and underwritten by the McArthur Foundation,
- participating in a national community builders conference on Inclusionary Housing sponsored by the Lincoln Institute on Land Policy (Cambridge), and
- presenting a paper on the history of diversity policies in Oak Park, Illinois at the annual conference of the Association of
the Collegiate Schools of Planning.

Michael Slinger spoke at the Middle Managers Breakfast on the Topic of “Working with Your Boss to Support Your Career and Job Satisfaction.”

Steven H. Steinglass
- Practising Law Institute, Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (October 27, 2005).
- Cleveland Bar Association, Government Attorney Section, “Home Rule in Ohio” (March 15, 2006).

Adam Thurschwell has been invited to speak at:
- the "Centennial Conference on Levinas and Law" at McGill University on September 16-18,
- a symposium titled "The New Exceptionalism: Law and Literature Since 9/11" at Cardozo Law School on October 29, and
- a symposium titled "Killing States: Lethal Decisions/Final Judgments" at Amherst College on November 4-5.

David Forte’s speaking engagements:
- Testimony on H.R. 5037, “Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act.” Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs,” April 18, 2006.
- “Originalism and the Constitution,” seminar for high school teachers, Ashbrook Institute, Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio, March 25, 2006.
- “Originalism and the New Supreme Court,” University of Texas Law School Federalist Society, Austin, Texas, March 6, 2006.
- “The Constitution and the New Supreme Court,” First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, March 5, 2006.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Susan Becker** has been serving on the Supreme Court of Ohio's Commission on Rules of Practice and Procedure for the past three years. The Commission is comprised of 19 judges, magistrates, and lawyers who represent various geographical and philosophical perspectives on the practice of law in this state and who are charged with reviewing and, where appropriate, recommending amendments to the Court for the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules of Evidence, Juvenile Rules, and other Ohio rules. Effective January 1, 2006, Susan was appointed Chair of the Commission's Civil Rule Committee, and is managing an ambitious docket of possible amendments to a number of Ohio's civil rules.

**Dena Davis** taught an intensive bioethics course in June that included Prof. Noam Zohar of Bar-Ilan University in Israel as co-teacher, and five Bar-Ilan students, as well as Cleveland-Marshall students. The topic was assisted reproductive technology. Dena also taught "International Biomedical Ethics" in our Russia program in St. Petersburg in July.

This last summer, **David Forte** attached the 25th Congress of the Pontifical Council for the Family at the Vatican (in which body he serves as Consultor). At the end of the Congress, he had an audience with Pope Benedict. He also gave a lecture on "The Tradition of Originalism in United States Constitutional Interpretation" to the graduate seminar on Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Trento. In Amman, Jordan, under the auspices of the National Democratic Institute, he advised 40 Iraqi officials on possible amendments to the Iraqi constitution.

**Kunal Parker** is the holder of the prestigious NYU Golieb Fellowship in Legal History. Only three or four fellowships are awarded every year.

The comments that **Chris Sagers** drafted for the ABA to the U.S. Antitrust Modernization Commission have finally been submitted and can be viewed at the Commission's website, along with an authorship acknowledgement (see fn 2).


**Michael Slinger** just completed his term as Chair of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. As ALL-SIS Chair, Michael presided over the ALL-SIS Business Meeting and the ALL-SIS Awards Ceremony at the AALL Annual Meeting (the principal meeting and professional organization for law librarians). This year, he will serve as ALL-SIS's Past Chair on its Executive Board.

**Steve Steinglass** wrote the following op-ed pieces: “City's residency rule hinges on debate of 'original intent','” The PLAIN DEALER, Feb.17, 2006, and “Supreme Court Not Likely to Resolve Issues Concerning Ohio Investment Tax Credit,” The AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, Mar. 20, 2006 (discussing Cuno v. DaimlerChrysler).

**Stephen J. Werber** was elected as an Honorary Trustee of the Cleveland Marshall Law Alumni association and was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees and Vice President of the Laura and Alvin Siegal College of Judaic Studies.