

# Faculty Focus



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Jeremy Tugeau  
On the Cuyahoga  
oil on canvas

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to **Dena Davis** and **Joan Flynn**, who were awarded named professorships, each for a three-year term beginning in the 2010-2011 academic year. **Dena** will be the James A. Thomas Distinguished Professor of Law. **Joan** will be the Leon M. and Gloria Plevin Professor of Law. Congratulations to Dena and Joan on these well-deserved honors.

In addition, **Dena Davis** was honored at a university-wide convocation and reception on January 21 as the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Research Award.



## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

**Chris Sagers** has accepted an offer from the YALE LAW & POLICY REVIEW to publish his article, *Much Ado About Probably Pretty Little: McCarran-Ferguson Repeal in the Pending Health Reform Legislation*, 28 YALE LAW & POL'Y REV. (forthcoming 2010).

**Chris** has also accepted an offer to publish *Understanding the Recurrent Crisis in Legal Romanticism: Two Criteria for Coherent Doubt*, 2 WASH. U. JURISPRUDENCE REV. (forthcoming 2010).

**Dena Davis** published an "op-ed" piece on embryo research and the Dickey-Wicker Amendment in the Society Scholars section of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics website. You may read it at: [http://www.aslme.org/Society\\_Scholars](http://www.aslme.org/Society_Scholars)

The following CM faculty contributed papers or abstracts to our most recent SSRN Legal Studies Research Paper Series (Vol. 6, No. 1: Jan. 14, 2010):

- **Mark Sundahl:** *Export Controls and Human Spaceflight: A New Age of Reason?* (Abstract)
- **David Barnhizer:** *Redesigning the American Law School*
- **Chris Sagers:** *Too Big to Fail: The Role for Antitrust and Bankruptcy Law in Financial Regulation Reform, Part II*
- **Brian Ray:** *Extending the Shadow of the Law: Using Hybrid Mechanisms to Develop Constitutional Norms in Socioeconomic Rights Cases* (also published at 9 UTAH L. REV. 797 (2009))

**Brian Ray's** article *Residents of Joe Slovo Community v Thubelisha Homes and Others: The Two Faces of Engagement* has been accepted for publication by the HUMAN RIGHTS LAW REVIEW, a peer-reviewed journal published by Oxford University Press.

**Karin Mika's** *Games in the Law School Classroom: Enhancing the Learning Experience* was the lead article in the most recent issue of PERSPECTIVES, a West periodical devoted to discussion of teaching legal research and writing. **Karin** wrote about Legal Apples to Apples and Game Show Presenter, two games she has developed in an effort to reach her millennial students.



## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**Lolita Buckner Inniss** presented *Dirty, Sexy Money* on November 13, 2009, at the fall symposium of the Rutgers School of Law–Newark WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAW REPORTER. Lolita's presentation concerned several appellate cases across U.S. jurisdictions involving child custody allocation between women and the fathers of their children where sexual misconduct of the women is raised as a factor to be considered in deciding custody.

**Milena Sterio** presented *The Right of Intervention Under Modern-Day International Law* at the AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, on Jan. 10, 2010, as part of a panel entitled "Cross Currents in International Law, International Human Rights, and National Security Law."

**Brian Glassman** presented *Law Schools' Management of Their Art Collections, or, "So You DIDN'T Think You Were Running an Art Museum?"* at the Art Law section program at the AALS in New Orleans on January 8.

**David Forte** gave the following presentations:

*Made in the Image: the Idea of Man in Genesis and the Qur'an*, Law Professors' Christian Fellowship/Lumen Christi, AALS Meeting, New Orleans, January 8, 2010.

*Three Soldiers and the Negro*, Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, Cleveland, Ohio, December 9, 2009.

*Religion and Democracy: Catholic and Islamic Traditions*, Northwestern University Law School, November 23, 2009.

*Just What is Natural Law, Anyway?* Roger Williams Law School, Bristol, Rhode Island, November 6, 2009.

*Religion and Democracy: Church and Mosque*, Case Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, Ohio, November 1, 2009.

**Carolyn Broering-Jacobs** presented a writing workshop for the new associates at Benesch Friedlander on December 11.

On January 28, **Carolyn** did a lunch talk entitled *The Million-Dollar Comma, the Unpopular Insurance Adjuster, and the Irritated Judge* at Cavitch, Familo & Durkin.

On January 26, **Steven H. Steinglass** made a presentation and coordinated a program for the John M. Manos Inn of Courts on *The Nuts and Bolts of Removal*.

## IN THE NEWS



During a brief interview on WCPN Ideastream (90.3 FM) by Mhari Saito on January 6, **Geoffrey S. Mearns** commented on the trial of a DEA agent accused of framing suspects who were accused and convicted of drug dealing. You may read or listen to his remarks at the following link: <http://www.wcpn.org/WCPN/news/29161/>

**Michael Borden** was quoted in the January 9 issue of the PLAIN DEALER in an article by Shaheen Samavati entitled *Cedar Fair's swift tumble, pending sale irk investors*, which you may read at the link below:

[http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2010/01/cedar\\_fairs\\_swift\\_tumble\\_pendi.html](http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2010/01/cedar_fairs_swift_tumble_pendi.html)

An editorial in the January 17 issue of the PLAIN DEALER mentioned **Louise P. Dempsey** in her role as Vice Chair of the Cleveland Municipal School District Board. You may read the editorial, *Cleveland schools' transformation plan risks being overshadowed by an Ohio audit that exposes internal spying on school critics and employees* at the link below:

[http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/01/cleveland\\_schools\\_transformati\\_2.html](http://www.cleveland.com/opinion/index.ssf/2010/01/cleveland_schools_transformati_2.html)

**Louise** was quoted on January 27 in a PLAIN DEALER article by Thomas Ott, *Cleveland school board gives protection to whistleblowers*, which you may read at the link below:

[http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2010/01/cleveland\\_school\\_board\\_gives\\_p.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2010/01/cleveland_school_board_gives_p.html)

The law school's January 30 Jump Start Program was mentioned in the January 27 issue of the PLAIN DEALER in an article by Janet Okoben. It is the last item on the link below:

[http://www.cleveland.com/education/index.ssf/2010/01/john\\_carroll\\_university\\_will\\_u.html](http://www.cleveland.com/education/index.ssf/2010/01/john_carroll_university_will_u.html)

**David Forte** was quoted on Airamerica.com in an article *Ohio lawmakers scramble to react to casino plan*. The law school's March 1 Employment and Labor Law Lecturer, OSU Professor Ruth Colker, was also quoted in the same article. Unfortunately, Airamerica has filed for bankruptcy, so it is no longer making this article, or any other articles, available on its website.

## DID YOU KNOW



On December 29, 2009, the Urban Development Law Clinic presented a day-long clinic for housing and community development lawyers working for public and public benefit clients on the topic "Nuisance Law and Abandoned Houses In Ohio." The presentation featured a study of two major lawsuits against global banking giants Deutsche Bank and Wells Fargo, in which Cleveland Housing Renewal Project, Inc., a Cleveland community development corporation, represented by **Kermit Lind** and C-M graduate Tom Wagner of Van Deusen and Wagner, seeks to get the big banks to comply with local and state nuisance laws against maintaining houses in a nuisance condition. The UDLC has been asked to repeat the nuisance law clinic again in February for the benefit of suburban municipal attorneys and code enforcers.

LexisNexis recognized **Karin Mika** as a leader in legal education at the AALS Conference this January for her use of cutting edge classroom technology. The LexisNexis Exhibit booth featured a display describing Professor Mika's contributions towards advancing legal education. The display says:

- Innovative leader creates online tools for students to enhance their education.
- Her sites contain syllabi, assignments, Power Point presentations, video, podcasts and CALI lesson links.
- Employs innovative gaming technology for her legal writing class.
- Encourages other professors to use technology.

**Karin** was also included in the Innovative Teaching Resources brochure put together by the AALS Academic Support Section.

**Candice Hoke** filed testimony with the FCC in response to the agency's posted questions in which she discussed whether the FCC should move forward with Internet Voting. You may read it at: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=6015502239>

**Carole Heyward** recently began serving as an expert witness for the Federal Trade Commission in an enforcement action relating to an alleged mortgage modification scam. The case is currently pending in the northern district of Ohio.

**Browne Lewis** served as the law school representative at the Health Summit presented by Cleveland State University's Center for 21st Century Health Professionals.

**Browne** has been invited to serve on the planning committee for the Midwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

**Browne** has also been invited to serve as a Contributing Editor to the trusts and estates section of Jotwell ([www.jotwell.com](http://www.jotwell.com)). Jotwell describes itself as “the Journal of Things We Like (Lots)” and is intended to provide a space where legal scholars can go to identify and celebrate the latest work of their colleagues. It was started by Michael Froomkin at University of Miami.

**Mark Sundahl** was named to a two-year term as the Assistant Executive Secretary of the International Institute of Space Law based in Leiden.