

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

84%

84% of Western State's first time takers passed the February 2014 California Bar Exam!

Congratulations class of 2014



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Summer is the season of renewal and transformation; change, to be certain, but often at the price of separations and departures. The students who have recently graduated may see their time here as a springboard to their best work, work that may take them to places they could not have previously imagined.



The December graduates recently received their Bar results and Western State's pass rate for first-time takers on the February 2014 California Bar Exam was 84%, continuing the school's remarkable four year run of surpassing the statewide average pass-rate. Judge Francisco Firmat, a Western State graduate from the Class of 1976, swore-in the successful bar candidates. He recounted the morning spent with his law school friend, Gerry Klein (Class of 1974), who tragically passed on that day. Firmat offered his friend as an example of a first class temperament whose optimism and determination improved the lives of those in his community and gave his professional life a critical extra measure of meaning.

This summer marks, perhaps more than anything else, the bittersweet departure of the 160 members of the graduating class of 2014 into the promise of their professional lives. Their commencement, held on May 24th at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center, was a buoyant affair that left me confident that the class moving across the stage had absorbed all that we can give them, and were ready to test themselves beyond the boundaries of Western State. Further, as the ceremony unfolded, it was clear they had absorbed the call to community service of their teachers and professional mentors, and made it their own. As a group, they donated over 12,000 hours of public service during their tenure at Western State, lending their developing skills to an astonishing array of charitable organizations, legal services providers, government agencies, and bar associations.

Also feted at the ceremony were the military veterans of the Class of 2014, whose academic achievements and service to our nation carried special meaning that Memorial Day Weekend. California Court of Appeal Presiding Justice Kathleen O'Leary, who delivered the keynote address, remarked on the unselfconscious service ethic that seemed so fundamental to the core of the graduating class.

I am so pleased with the school's progress that it becomes more difficult than I would have imagined telling you that I have decided to step down as Dean. I have accepted the position of Deputy Managing Director of the American Bar Association's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar in Chicago. The position presents a singular opportunity to help shape legal education in America, and I have no doubt that the challenges that were part of my tenure at Western State, will inform my work at the ABA. Argosy University will be conducting a nationwide search for my replacement, and I am confident their choice will reflect a respect for the unique culture of Western State, as well as a continued commitment to educational excellence.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as the Dean of Western State and to have partnered with so many of you on so many worthy endeavors. When I came to the school, one of the things that intrigued me most was the depth and diversity of the alumni community, and the possibilities that working with such an extraordinary group presented. I have certainly not been disappointed.

Many of us may be decades removed and great distances away from the Class of 2014, but our dreams may not be so different. And the service ethos that has been embraced by the Class of 2014 as they build their own version of an alumni community is worthy of our support and encouragement, as well as a reminder of the virtue of recommitting to the place where we all first met.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Adams, Jr."

William E. Adams, Jr.
Dean and Vice Chancellor, Western State College

P.S. - Campus Update:

As you are aware, we have begun a search for a new campus. We are determined to secure a location that will facilitate innovative programming and accommodate future growth. At this point we have decided to extend the lease on our current facility for at least an additional year so we will be staying at our current Fullerton location for the next two years. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress.



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LONG BEACH YOUNG ALUM MIXER

On May 22nd, the Western State Alumni Network, in conjunction with the Long Beach Barristers, hosted our 2nd annual Young Alum Mixer. The Federal Bar, in Downtown Long Beach, provided a unique, speakeasy-like environment and was a hit with all attendees—approximately 85 alumni, including many of the Western State Alumni Network's newest members from the class of 2014.

Many thanks to the evening's sponsors: Onisko & Scholz, LLP, John MacDonald Insurance Service, Inc., Chase Litigation Services, and Alvarado Consulting, Inc. for underwriting this opportunity to connect and celebrate!

We look forward to seeing all of you at Western State's premiere event of the year, 2014 Hall of Fame Gala, on September 27th.



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Jeffrey Ferguson (Class of 1982) was elected Judge of Orange County Superior Court on June 3rd. He is a long-time deputy with the Orange County District Attorney's Office.



Jonathan D. Winters (Class of 1999) of Long Beach recently won a \$500,000.00 award from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority on behalf of his client for injuries she suffered on an MTA bus in violation of the ADA and other disabilities laws.



James Heiting (Class of 1975 | Hall of Fame) delivered the commencement address at University of La Verne College of Law on May 10th. Heiting is partner at Heiting & Irwin, and is the former President of the State Bar of California and the Riverside County Bar Association.



William Shapiro (Class of 1978 | Hall of Fame) received the William Shernoff Trial Lawyer of the Year Award at the Consumer Attorneys of the Inland Empire/Orange County Trial Lawyers' Palm Springs Seminar in April.



84% OF WESTERN STATE'S FIRST TIME TAKERS PASSED THE FEBRUARY 2014 CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM!

Congratulations to Western State graduates who again placed among the top results in California, well exceeding the average of 69% for our state's 21 ABA law schools. For seven of the last eight bar exams, Western State graduates have outperformed their counterparts from at least half of the ABA-approved law schools in California. The successful bar candidates were sworn in by Judge Francisco Firmat (Class of 1976) on June 2nd.

CLINIC STUDENTS RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS ON IMMIGRATION FRAUD



On April 12, 2014, Immigration Clinic students Sonya Nevarez, Raul Saldana and Gloria Kim delivered a community education on immigration and notario fraud at the El Modena Family Resource Center, a community-based social services organization located in Orange, California.

Nevarez, Saldana and Kim researched the problem of immigration fraud, developed all of the presentation materials, gave the presentation and fielded questions from audience members.

"By working on this project, I developed an awareness of the dangers of notario fraud in immigrant communities, and also learned how I as a future lawyer can help prevent people from getting taken advantage of," said Sonya, a third year law student enrolled in the Clinic. "I also honed my oral presentation and advocacy skills."

As students in the Immigration Clinic, Nevarez, Saldana and Kim have also been representing clients in efforts to seek political asylum (for survivors of persecution abroad) and U visas (for certain crime victims in the United States). In addition to individual presentations, Clinic students regularly engage in community education and advocacy work that seeks to advance the human rights of noncitizens in the area.



Michael Hearn (Class of 1979) of the Colorado construction defect firm of McKenzie Rhody & Hearn was a featured speaker at West Coast Casualty's 21st Anniversary Construction Defect Seminar on May 15th and 16th in Anaheim.



Assistant Orange County Public Defender **Tracey LeSage** (Class of 1995) has been appointed to the Oversight Committee of the California State Bar Attorney Diversion and Assistance Program.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: CAREN SEENAUTH



Caren Seenauth (Class of 2014) was selected to attend the Sports Lawyers Association (SLA)'s Annual Conference in Chicago as a finalist, and was awarded First Prize in the 2nd Annual SLA Writing Competition during a May 16th luncheon.

Seenauth was presented with the Alumni Award for Outstanding Graduate at the May 24th Commencement Ceremony.

While at Western State, Seenauth served as President of the Western State Entertainment and Sports Law Society, and as Vice President of the Student Bar Association.

Seenauth also attended the 2014 IMG World Congress of Sports hosted by the Sports Business Journal at the St. Regis Hotel in Dana Point, CA on March 19th and 20th, 2014. The two-day event is one of the most prominent annual gatherings of sports business leaders. Seenauth was among 12 hand-selected students from across the nation to attend this year's Congress, attended by 500 professional attendees.

WESTERN STATE CONGRATULATES ITS 2013/2014 GRADUATES



Western State was delighted to welcome over 2,500 guests to the Long Beach Performing Arts Center for its 2014 Commencement Exercises. The lobby and auditorium teemed with happy crowds, delighted to celebrate the success of the graduates. Over 150 Western State graduates took the stage to receive their diplomas signifying their status as Juris Doctors. Many December Graduates had just passed the California State Bar Exam. Western State wishes to congratulate the Class of 2013/2014 for its hard work and accomplishments. And to our May Graduates: Good Luck on the Bar Exam!

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Patrick Longhi (Class of 1981) coordinates the Future Leaders of America program of Fulton County, Georgia, which recently awarded five scholarships to qualified high school students to study government in Washington this summer.



Kenneth Minesinger (Class of 1994) has been appointed Associate Professor of Law at California Baptist University – Online and Professional Studies Division.

WESTERN STATE STUDENT SELECTED AS ONE OF EIGHT FELLOWS IN THIS YEAR'S ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Western State 3L student Kathleen McHale Farsai won the distinction of being selected as one of the final eight fellows in this year's Orange County District Attorney Fellowship Program. This statewide recruitment canvassed twelve California law schools and identified candidates for eight year-long fellowship positions.

Western State had a strong showing, with fifteen students selected for initial interviews, and six chosen for second interviews. An additional three were placed on the wait list.

The objective of the Fellowship Program is to select law students who have the passion to be a prosecutor and the skills to be a successful trial lawyer. The Fellowship Program is one of the primary ways a new graduate may be selected for a full-time permanent position with the District Attorney's office.

"This is my dream true! I have always had a passion for criminal law and I hope that this opportunity allows me to pursue a career as a District Attorney."

-Kathleen McHale Farsai



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Commissioner Rocky Baio
(Class of 1979) has been appointed Judge to the Ventura County Superior Court by Governor Brown.

Judge John Pacheco (Class of 1973) has been appointed to the Council on Access and Fairness of the State Bar of California. He currently Co-Chairs the Advisory Committees on Racial and Ethnic Fairness.

Cleidin Atanous (Class of 1996) recently won a \$2.4 million verdict on behalf of his client who was injured in a three way automobile collision. *Boss v. Khalil & Do* went to the jury after a four day trial in Orange County Superior Court.



December 2013 graduate Kris O'Connell earned double congratulations last month when he accepted a new job offer with The Lee Law Group in Irvine on the day before graduation. Kris, an Air Force veteran and dedicated father of two, is a second generation Western State following in the footsteps of his dad, attorney Dennis P. O'Connell. Kris' grandfather, John O'Connell, was also a former dean and professor at Western State. O'Connell looks forward to starting his legal career, and we wish him all the best!

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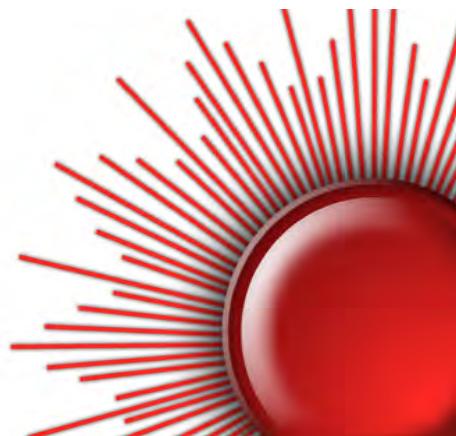


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Contact Career Services



Western State congratulates recent graduate, Andreas Verrios, who has been accepted into the LL.M. program in international business law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City. Verrios had first visited the school during a moot court competition last year and right away felt an affinity for the City. When pursuing his LL.M. degree became the logical next step for his career goals, he knew exactly where to apply. Verrios was accepted into the program in February and plans to pack his bags and head east following the July California Bar exam. Verrios, who earned his Business Law Certificate along with his J.D. degree, leaves Western State with mixed emotions. "Western State has been a phenomenal experience for me. I couldn't imagine having the support I have received here from any other law school." We wish Verrios all the best and look forward to hearing of his continuing success.





Tracie R. Porter

Associate Professor of Law

Professor Porter joined Western State in 2011. She has been active in the local and national legal communities, recently being named the National Chair of the National Bar Association's Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposiums, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary of discussing and addressing civil rights issues. Professor Porter focuses her time, when she is not teaching, on important legal and social issues, but as an academic her commitment to various projects is interrelated to the three hallmarks for academia: Teaching, Scholarship, and Service. This article highlights these three aspects of Professor Porter's career during her tenure at Western State College of Law.

What was the reason you left the practice of law to pursue a career in teaching?

I started teaching while I was in full-time practice in my own law firm in Chicago. For many years, I was a CLE lecturer for private companies and for public programs. Teaching came naturally to me, so when I was given the opportunity to teach full-time I was excited about joining the academy. Teaching law students, however, was very different from lecturing to practitioners and professionals who already had a solid base of understanding. My biggest challenge in the classroom was learning how to teach the law to students who knew very little about the law and to transform their way of thinking like a layperson to a lawyer. After eight years of teaching, I have learned a lot but still look for ways to better enrich students' experience in the classroom.

How have you used your experience in practice in the classroom?

With my legal experience, the ability to bring theory to practical context is one of the best ways I have found to enrich students' experience in the classroom. My practice experience has provided me with salient examples for students that allow me to teach beyond the textbook and to instill in them practical skills that set them apart from other students entering the legal market. My most rewarding moments are when students visit me or email me to thank me for sharing my practical experience because it helped them more clearly understand the legal concepts. When that happens I get excited about my job—that experience is what I refer to students as “the light bulb coming on.”

In your most recent published article in Hamline Law Review this spring, you focus on the financial industry's influence over homeownership policy, what influenced you to write in this area of the law?

As a real estate and lending practitioner during the height of the mortgage lending boom, from about 2004-2007, I saw firsthand the role that banks and non-bank institutions played in influencing how laws were tailored to their benefit, how citizens could be used to increase their profits, and how deregulation of the financial industry led to the 2008 financial crisis, often coined the Great Recession. Again, my practical experience, and in-depth research, allowed me to write about a subject area that I could document from those experiences about a subject that impassioned me. It feels effortless when you write about a subject matter that is endearing to you, and this article and my next couple of articles focus on areas that I have a great interest in writing. In addition, I get to talk specifically about the issues I write about with my students in my seminar course on Consumer Law and Finance.

How has your scholarship aided you in teaching your courses?

I primarily teach Business Associations, Estates, Property and, most recently, the Consumer Law and Finance Seminar. My scholarship in many aspects touches on some areas of all the courses I teach. Given that all my courses are upper-level courses, I get a chance to deviate a bit from teaching them how to find a rule to teaching them how the rule is applied in many real human contexts, by presenting students with scenarios that mirror real life, including experiences that I have encountered, or read about in my research. I believe taking my expertise and knowledge and using it to aid in students' learning is essential to introducing better legal minds into our profession and in service of our profession.

How has your service in local and national bar associations and organizations played a role in your job as a professor?

My leadership in the profession started during my first semester of law school in the American Bar Association and evolved over time in various positions on a local, national and international level. My most recent appointment in the National Bar Association under President-Elect Pamela Meanes of St. Louis, Missouri as the National Chair of the 25th Anniversary of the Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposiums is one of my most recent significant leadership opportunities. The focus of the Symposiums is on civil rights issues, and this year marks the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the passage Civil Rights Act. In aligning with this important historic moment, the theme of the Symposiums is Education: The New Civil Rights. This fall, four regions will host Symposiums: the Eastern Region will be held at St. John's University School of Law on October 10; the Western Region will be held at Western State College of Law on October 17; the Southern Region will be held at Southern University School of Law on October 30-31; and the Midwestern/Southern Region will be held at William H. Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock on November 7. The Symposiums are FREE to NBA members and the community. I am especially proud that Dean Bill Adams is supporting me in this position and affiliating Western State with an organization that is addressing important issues in the nation.

What is the importance of staying active in the legal and social community?

My service has always proven beneficial for me. I share my experiences with students by letting them know that you can get a job, or make great contacts, or find a lifelong mentor, or increase your presence and respect in the profession, or get clients from staying active in the legal and social communities. For the past twenty years, I have been honored to be a member of the legal community, sharing my talents and time with those professionals dedicated to making this a better profession and a better community in which we all live. I know this to be true especially of the alumni I have had the pleasure of meeting since I joined the Western State family.

If you want more information about the National Bar Association's Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium at Western State, or any of the other regions, please contact Professor Porter at nbawileyabranton2014@gmail.com, or at (714) 459-1153.

NOTE

Professor Porter hosted a bar prep course, as Chair of the Education Committee of the Black Women's Lawyers Association of LA, co-sponsored by the Langston Bar Association of LA, on February 1st. Several Western State students were in attendance and benefitted from the valuable information presented at the session. The session was free of charge for all attendees.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



LISA BLASSER
Assistant Professor
of Lawyering Skills
& Assistant Director,
Academic Support &
Bar Services

Earlier this year, Professor **Lisa Blasser** presented “Scholarship Matters: Review Article Critique” at the West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Conference, held at the University of San Diego School of Law. On May 30, 2014, Professor Blasser presented on the topic of “The Process of Using an Outline to Understand Course Material” at the Association of Academic Support Educators Conference, held at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Both presentations focused on student experiences collected from her recent qualitative phenomenological study, which defines the process that occurs when successful students “understand” course material.

Also, on August 5, 2014, Professor Blasser will be joining a panel that will examine the boundaries between substantive law and bar preparation courses through teaching methodologies, means of assessment, use of technology and incorporation of a variety of bar-directed materials. Her presentation, entitled “Teaching Quality Doctrinal Classes While Simultaneously Preparing Students for the Bar Exam,” will take place at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference, at Amelia Island, Florida.



MYANNA
DELLINGER
Associate Professor
of Law & Director
of the Institute for
Global Law and
Policy

Professors **Myanna Dellinger** and **Stacey Sobel** gave a presentation on March 26, 2014 to the newly-formed Environmental Law Society (ELS) on developing climate change law at the subnational, national and supranational levels, as well as the constitutional implications of such new law. The Western State College of Law ELS is dedicated to providing and promoting a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the environment. Professor Dellinger is the faculty advisor of ELS, which seeks to inform the law school and surrounding community about environmental issues and sponsor engaging activities such as symposia, documentaries, research projects, social and networking events.

Professor Myanna Dellinger’s work on energy and environmental issues has earned her recent acclaim from various quarters. This month she was elected co-chair of the International Environmental Law Committee of the American Branch of the International Law Association. Her most recent law review article, “Narrowed Constellations in a Supranational Climate Change Regime Complex: The ‘Magic Number’ Is Three,” was published in Volume 37 of the *Fordham International Law Journal*. Noted environmental author and activist Bill McKibben e-mailed Professor Dellinger just this week to comment that her article has opened a “new window” into the current negotiating difficulties within national and international environmental law-making. She has been invited to write an article, about mining, hydrocarbons and the environment, for the Journal of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, by the President of the University’s Law and Society Association.

During the late summer of 2014, Professor Dellinger will be teaching international environmental law at the Chinese University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, a renowned Chinese legal institution. Professor Dellinger will be focusing on national and international aspects of climate change, wildlife law, hazardous waste, environmental human rights and public participation. China has recently adopted extensive federal public participation laws, an area in which Professor Dellinger researches and writes.

Professor Dellinger’s article, “That’s Wild - The Ongoing International Trade in Endangered Species,” was published in the *Orange County Lawyer Magazine* in December 2013, and she has blogged on the subject of poaching, climate change and water rights on the Contracts Law for Contracts Prof Blog, the nation’s only network of legal blogs edited primarily by law professors, for which she is a regular blogger.



STACEY SOBEL
Associate Professor
of Law



NEIL GOTANDA
Professor of Law

Professor **Neil Gotanda** presented the draft of his book, *Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and the Law: A Reader*, at UC Berkeley School of Law on April 15, along with co-authors Bob Chang and Rose Cuisin Villazor. The text, which is forthcoming on NYU Press, was the feature of a roundtable presentation co-sponsored by groups from UC Davis King Hall School of Law and Seattle University School of Law, as well as groups from UC Berkeley School of Law. Professor Gotanda also presented his paper, “Law and Asian American Studies: Constructing Asian Americans, Limiting and Framing Asian American Studies,” at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian American Studies, in San Francisco, on April 19.

Professor Gotanda will join a list of influential critical race theory scholars at the Eighth Critical Race Studies Symposium, sponsored by UCLA Law School. The conference theme is “Whiteness as Property,” and is in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of a law review article with the same title, written by UCLA law professor Cheryl Harris.



DAVID GROSHOFF
Associate Professor
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Business Law Center

Professor **David Groshoff**'s article, “Kickstarter My Heart: Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowdfunding Constraints and Bitcoin Bubbles,” appeared last month in the *William & Mary Business Law Review*. The article describes two new trends in Financial Technology Law (better known as “FinTech” Law). First, the article first analyzes historical ideas of capital, enterprise formation, and behavioral economics. Next, the article inquires why the federal government has paradoxically allowed speculative bubbles to boom and burst in digital assets but prevented another FinTech medium to form—namely, equity crowdfunding—because of intentional administrative agency delays in the face of explicit congressional direction to the contrary. The crowdfunding aspects of Professor Groshoff's piece are expanded upon briefly in a forthcoming essay invited to be part of the inaugural volume of the *Texas A&M Law Review*, scheduled to be printed in late June. For the second consecutive year, David Groshoff has been invited as a presenter at the National Business Law Scholars Conference, which was held at Ohio State Law last year, and this year will be held at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles on June 19-20. Professor Groshoff will be presenting “Crowding Out Entrepreneurial Small Businesses?: The Regulation-Driven Direction of Crowdfunding 5.0,” which builds on his existing scholarship regarding crowdfunding social entrepreneurship, forthcoming in both the *William & Mary Business Law Review* and the *Texas A&M Law Review*.



JENNIFER KOH
Associate Professor
of Law & Director,
Immigration Clinic

On March 24, 2014, Professor **Jennifer Koh** co-authored an *amicus* brief to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Avila-Santoyo v. Holder, a case involving administrative reopening of a stipulated removal order. Mr. Avila Santoyo had lived in the United States since he was a toddler when, at age 18, he was detained by immigration authorities, told by officers to sign a stipulated order of removal, and was deported without ever seeing an immigration judge. In a *North Carolina Law Review* article and in an advocacy report released by Western State, Stanford Law School, and the National Immigration Law Center, Professor Koh has criticized the due process implications of stipulated removal orders.

Professor Koh highlighted the Immigration Clinic's role in the community at the recent National Conference for Clinical Professors. From April 27-30, 2014, clinical law professors from around the country gathered at the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Conference. Professor Koh presented during a concurrent session at the conference entitled, “The Clinician as Part of and Partner with the Community,” which explored the role of clinical law teachers and law school clinics – including the Western State Immigration Clinic – in collaborative lawyering efforts. She was joined by Professors Barbara Hines from the University of Texas, Julie Greenwald Marzouk from Chapman Law School, and Anna Welch from the University of Maine.

Professor Koh will serve as the faculty point person for the school's new Immigration Law Certificate Program. Completion of the certificate program will require a total of 23 credits (comprised of a combination of 12 required credits, 5 credits of experiential learning via the Immigration Clinic or Civil Externship, and 6 elective credits), and 25 hours of *pro bono* legal work conducted under the supervision of an attorney and on behalf of low-income clients and/or immigrant communities.



GLENN KOPPEL
Professor of Law

Professor **Glenn Koppel** recently received a Certificate of Service from the Chief Justice of California, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, for his 13 years on the state's Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee. The committee, which has drafted rules for civil litigation in California state court practice, made room for Professor Koppel even though at the time seats were allocated only for judges and practitioners, not academics, due to his early scholarship focusing on California procedure that critiqued the political influence on rulemaking in the legislature.



DYLAN
MALAGRINÒ
Associate Professor
of Law

On April 2, 2014, the *UNC Daily Tar Heel* interviewed Professor **Dylan Malagrinò** as an expert in Sports Law to comment on the NCAA rules requiring schools to show that their student athletes are making progress towards a degree. Professor Malagrinò also addressed the concerns that these regulations lead Athletics Departments to influence students to cluster in certain majors and/or create faux classes and coursework. His comments responded to recent national news that UNC-Chapel Hill had "paper classes" for student athletes that did not require in-class instruction, resulting in courses of low academic rigor and a lack of academic integrity.

Professor Dylan Malagrinò's most recent scholarly law review article, "Change: A Constant Variably Defined—Law and Anthropology Perspectives on Historical Changes to the Rule of Law," 41 N. KY. L. REV. 93 (2014), is now available in print. In this article, Professor Malagrinò documents how history has shown many periods of legal change dramatically transforming law in society and concludes that, although anthropology considers legal change in terms of rupture from the social past, the law must treat legal change as a categorical redefinition from what it was before.

The Pacific Legal Foundation and Cato Institute cited and prominently featured Professor Dylan Malagrinò's recent article, "Off the Board: NCAA v. Christie Challenges Congress to 'Move the Line' on the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act," 118 Penn. St. L. Rev. 375 (2013), in the body of their *amici curiae* brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Petitioners in Christie v. NCAA et al. Professor Malagrinò's article advances the proposition that state governments are both more responsive to the constituencies affected by state-specific policies regarding sports gambling restrictions and more aware of the local conditions that those laws address. The brief is available at <http://blog.pacificlegal.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/PLF-Cato-NJ-AC.pdf>.



PAULA MANNING
Associate Professor
of Law & Director
of S.T.E.L.L.A.R.

Professor **Paula Manning** has been installed as President of the Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) for 2014-15. AASE is the national organization devoted to the professional development of academic support programs and faculty. Professor Manning also has been selected by the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) to teach its pre-law Attitude is Essential program. CLEO is the nonprofit entity of the American Bar Association whose mission is to diversify the legal profession. Since its inception in 1968, CLEO has been at the forefront of helping minority, low-income and disadvantaged students gain access to law school, successfully matriculate and pass the bar exam.



EUNICE PARK
Assistant Professor
of Lawyering Skills



TRACIE PORTER
Associate Professor

Professor Eunice Park presented on the topics of practical skills, doctrinal courses, and the role of legal writing, at the Fourteenth Annual Western Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, held at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, at the end of March. She also wrote an article on teaching students to write in plain English, published in *Clarity: Journal of the International Association Promoting Plain Legal Language*, No. 70, which was issued in March 2014.

Professor **Tracie R. Porter** has been appointed as the National Chair of the Wiley A. Branton Symposium by President-Elect Pamela Meanes, a partner at Thompson Coburn of St. Louis. Tracie is in charge of the implementation of 4 regional symposiums held at St. John's Law School in Queens, New York, Southern University in Baton Rouge, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and our own Western State College of Law during the months of October and November 2014. The Symposia will solicit speakers and call for papers to be published by the University of Arkansas Law Journal on topics of civil rights. Wiley A. Branton was a pioneering civil rights activist who was heavily involved in integrating the University of Arkansas School of Law and this year celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the NBA's Symposia in his honor.

Tracie also published her article entitled, "Pawns for a Higher Greed: The Banking and Financial Services Industry's Capture of Federal Homeownership Policy and the Impact on Citizen Homeowners" in the Fall 2013 *Hamline Law Review*.

Professor Porter was invited to present her work-in-progress by the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference (MAPOC) at the University of Baltimore, January 23-25, where over 70 senior and junior scholars attended from across the country. Her work-in-progress is entitled, "The Quagmire of Financial Indebtedness in Residential Mortgage Short Sales Requires a Solution."

Professor Porter was recently elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer of the Lullaby Guild, Inc. The Lullaby Guild is one of the oldest and most respected black professional women's social organizations in the Los Angeles area. Established in 1950, its mission is to reach out to children and their families at risk with a range of services and resources that ensure every child the opportunity to develop within a safe, healthy, and secure environment. For more information on the Lullaby Guild, see <http://www.lullabyguild.org>.



RYAN WILLIAMS
Associate Professor
of Law

Professor **Ryan Williams** teaches National Security Law, Civil Procedure, and Ethics at Western State. He has been named Associate Professor, and was recently featured in *Lawyers of Color's* "Fifty Under Fifty" issue.

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