A vibrant culture of diverse academic interests and accomplishments
When I joined the University of New Mexico School of Law in 2009, I knew this faculty was nationally recognized, but even then I did not fully understand the scope of our scholarly imprint. This faculty, both brilliant and diverse, takes very seriously the section of the school’s mission statement that says, “It is essential that the faculty be involved in national and global research and scholarship.”

In 2010, the faculty’s scholarly endeavors produced numerous awards and recognition, including invitations for members of the UNM law faculty to share their expertise at symposia from the White House to Switzerland. Faculty publications have included books, book chapters, academic articles and commentary in media outlets.

While everyone in this community knows of the faculty’s devotion to our students, the following pages provide a snapshot of our professors’ scholarly engagement and research during the 2010 calendar year. I think you will be pleased about the vibrant culture of scholarship that continues to exist at the UNM School of Law.

Kevin K. Washburn
Dean and Professor of Law
National Appointments

James Ellis, appointed to the Board of Directors of the national Death Penalty Information Center.

Gloria Valencia-Weber, appointed and confirmed to the national Legal Services Corp. Board of Directors.

Peter Winograd, appointed to the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association.

Awards

Barbara Bergman, Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Advocacy from Stetson University College of Law.

Alfred Mathewson, 2010 Keep the Dream Alive Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council in Albuquerque; inaugural 2010 Presidential Luminaria Award for his diversity efforts on behalf of faculty, staff and students across the UNM campus.


Gloria Valencia-Weber, honored for establishing and building the 35-year-old Psychology Diversified Students Program at Oklahoma State University.

Christine Zuni Cruz, 2010 Pincus Award, the highest honor presented by the American Association of Law Schools’ Section on Clinical Legal Education.
James Ellis was a member of a roundtable that addressed the practice of putting to death juveniles and developmentally disabled adults at the Fourth World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Geneva, Switzerland (February 2010). He was a presenter at the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities annual convention in Providence, Rhode Island (June 2010).

Denise Fort made two presentations at the River Network’s National River Rally in Snowbird, Utah. They were titled, “New Horizons in Western Water Issues” and “Federal Support for the Waters of the Intermountain West” (May 22, 2010). She presented a paper titled, “The U.S. Failure to Control Greenhouse Gas Emissions,” at the Second Global Conference on Environmental Governance and Democracy at Yale University (September 2010).

Christian Fritz delivered the 21st Annual State Constitutional Law Lecture at the State University of New Jersey (Rutgers, Camden) School of Law. The title of his talk was, “Out From Under the Shadow of the Federal Constitution: An Overlooked American Constitutionalism” (Feb. 1, 2010).

Eileen Gauna ('85), presented a report to the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council at a meeting in New Orleans. She discussed nationally consistent screening approaches to identify communities of concern. (February 2010). She was a panelist at a University of Michigan Law School symposium titled Reinventing the Wheel: Why Broken Cities Stay Broken and New Ways Civil Rights Attorneys Can Fix Them (February 2010). She joined cabinet secretaries and other national leaders at an invitation-only White House Forum on Environmental Justice (Dec. 15, 2010).

Laura Gómez explored the racial dynamics surrounding the confirmation process of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor as part of St. Thomas University School of Law’s 2009-2010 Distinguished Speaker Series. Her talk was titled, “Color-Blind in One Eye: The Sotomayor Nomination and the Politics of Race” (March 2010). She presented a talk, titled, “A Wise Latina Meets Color-blind Ideology,” to the faculty of the University of California, Los Angeles (November 2010).

April Land presented a paper titled, “‘Lawyer-ing Beyond’ Without Leaving Individual Clients Behind,” at the UCLA/University of London Seventh International Clinical Conference (November 2010).

Nathalie Martin shared her knowledge on the perils of payday lending at the National Association of Attorneys Generals’ winter meeting (January 2010).


James Ellis argued as an amicus curiae on behalf of Michael Angelo Coleman before the Tennessee Supreme Court in a death penalty case that addressed the role of IQ scores in making a diagnosis of mental retardation. Coleman prevailed.
New Faculty

Ann Hemmens, assistant director for Public Services at the University of New Mexico Law Library, associate professor of Law Librarianship.

Language,” at the LatCrit International and Comparative Law Colloquium in Paris (July 2010).

Kevin Washburn presented the keynote address titled, “Education is the Key to Creating the Next Generation of Great Indian Law Judges,” at The Next Generation of Great Indian Law Judges, a symposium at the University of Colorado Law School (Jan. 29, 2010). He was a member of a panel titled, “Tribal Council and Board Member Ethics, Duties, and Responsibilities: What Tribal Leaders Need to Know,” at the National Conference of American Indians’ annual meeting in Albuquerque (Nov. 16, 2010).

Christine Zuni Cruz made a presentation for the Repatriation at 20: A Gathering on Native Self-Determination and Human Rights at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (January 2010).

Academic Honors

Professorships
Keleher & McLeod Professor: Carol Parker (2008-10), Nathalie Martin (2009-11), Christian Fritz (2010-12)
Dickason Professors: Leo Romero (2009-10), Elizabeth Rapaport (2009-11), April Land (2009-11), Sherri Burr and Alfred Mathewson (2010-12)
Regents Professor: Carol Suzuki (2009-10), Marsha Baum (2010-12)
Hatch Professor: Eileen Gauna (2008-10), Sergio Pareja (2010-11)

Lectureship
Regents Lecturer: Erik Gerding (2009-10), Camille Carey (2010-11)

Awards
Friedman Award: Reed Benson (2009-10), Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (2010-11)
Dean’s Award for Faculty Excellence: Laura Gómez, John LaVelle, Jennifer Moore (2010-11)
Dean’s Award for Distinguished Law School Service: April Land, Carol Suzuki (2010-11)

Lead Scholar
Margaret Montoya was the lead scholar of a comprehensive American Bar Association initiative that analyzed a broad set of information aimed at advancing racial/ethnic, gender, disability and sexual orientation diversity within the legal profession. The result of the two-year effort, “Diversity in the Legal Profession: Next Steps,” a 68-page report, was released in April 2010.
BOOKS


Kevin Washburn, Gaming and Gambling Law: Cases and Materials.


BOOK CHAPTERS


Sherri Burr, Athletes as Television Celebrities: Why We Watch; How They Benefit; Must They Be Responsible, in Reversing Field: Examining Commercialization, Labor, Gender, and Race in 21st Century Sports Law (Andre Douglas, Pond Cummings and Anne Marie Lofaso eds., 2010).


Margaret Montoya, Guadalupe in New Mexico in Religion as Art (Steve Loza, ed., 2009).


Kevin Washburn, Restoring the Grand Jury in Grand Jury 2.0: Modern Perspectives on the Grand Jury (Roger Fairfax, ed., 2010).


BOOK REVIEWS

Articles


Newspaper Opinion Articles


Congressional Testimony

