We live in an era of rapid social and economic change, and legal education is evolving in ways that are both exciting and challenging. At UC Davis School of Law, we are growing and developing in ways that enable us to successfully address these challenges while still remaining true to the vision that has defined King Hall for more than 40 years. We are, and will remain, a world leader in legal education, committed to scholarly excellence and the highest levels of professional achievement, dedicated to social justice, and distinguished by our unique sense of community.

Our faculty has never been stronger. As a group, they were recently ranked 23rd in the U.S. News & World Report peer assessment category. We were also ranked 23rd by University of Chicago Law Professor Brian Leiter, whose rating system is often regarded as the most systematic evaluation of American law school quality. Our facility today is truly second to none. With the successful completion of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project, the School of Law now has a state-of-the-art facility befitting its status as one of the world’s great law schools. Our students are gifted, diverse, and inspired. In an era when some law schools are lowering standards in order to maintain enrollment, King Hall has made no such compromises, and the best and brightest continue to be drawn to UC Davis School of Law.

Moving forward, our future is bright. We continue to hire exceptional new faculty: this year’s additions include Professor Lesley K. McAllister, who joins us from the University of San Diego School of Law, Professor Darien Shanske, formerly of UC Hastings College of the Law, Professor Andrea Cann Chandrasekher, who has taught at Northwestern School of Law and Stanford Law School, and Professor Brian Soucek, who has taught at the University of Chicago. We are launching the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies, adding new courses, expanding our Academic Success program, stepping up our Career Services, and much more.

In addition, we are working hard to provide additional funding for student scholarships, endowed professorships, lectures and symposia, our outstanding clinical programs, and more. Our alumni, faculty, and friends have responded with enthusiasm, contributing more than $7 million in private support over the past two years. Thank you to all who made this possible!

In this issue of Counselor, you will read about the many ways our faculty, alumni, students, and staff are working to maintain the highest levels of scholarly excellence, serve society, and raise King Hall’s national and international profile to even higher levels.

Thank you for your support, and thank you for believing in King Hall.

Kevin R. Johnson, Dean
Democratic Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi delivered the commencement address and David Wiener '13 received the Law School Medal for academic achievement as UC Davis School of Law honored graduating JD and LLM students at the 2013 Commencement Ceremony on May 17 at the UC Davis Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts.

The School of Law granted 196 JD and 35 LLM degrees at the event, which nearly filled to capacity the 1,800-seat Mondavi Center and included remarks from UC Davis Chancellor Linda P. Katehi, Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor Edward Imwinkelried, and student speaker Alexander Rich '13.

“Congratulations to all of you, our graduates, and to your families and friends who stood behind you during these very challenging years of hard work and study,” said Chancellor Katehi. “You have achieved a true milestone by graduating from one of the top law schools in the country, and I know there will be many more great accomplishments in your futures.” She talked about the importance of personal commitment, flexibility, and perseverance in facing the challenges ahead.

“When I look at this class of law school graduates and the world that we live in,” Chancellor Katehi said, “I know that we still need people who will interpret the law for the rest of us, we still need people like you who will defend the weak and prosecute the perpetrators, and improve our culture and our ethics, and we need you to help sustain our democracy. You are the ones who will show us the way forward.”

Congresswoman Pelosi, who as Speaker of the House from 2007 to 2011 was the highest-ranking woman ever in U.S. politics, offered her congratulations to the graduates and their families, and talked about the challenges ahead for them and for the nation, including the need to address income disparity, immigration reform, marriage equality, and other issues.

“The challenge is to make that legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and all that he talked about your own. I know that you as lawyers, as public servants, as graduates of King Hall have the legal education, the moral wherewithal, the confidence, and the courage to pursue the work of justice,” Congresswoman Pelosi said.
KING HALL LAUNCHES AOKI CENTER FOR CRITICAL RACE AND NATION STUDIES

UC Davis School of Law has launched the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies, a new initiative that will serve to focus and connect the work of faculty and students at the School of Law and across the UC Davis campus in the areas of critical race and nation studies and honor the life and work of the late Professor Keith Aoki. The Center was formally introduced at a special reception on October 7 at King Hall.

Professor Keith Aoki died at the age of 55 on April 26, 2011 following a prolonged illness. A brilliant scholar, devoted teacher, and beloved colleague, Professor Aoki had a lasting, positive impact on faculty and students at the School of Law and beyond. He was an accomplished and respected scholar who used words, art, music, and engagement to create a significant body of work in civil rights, critical race theory, intellectual property, and local government law. Although he contributed to scholarship in many fields, his work connecting critical theory, race, and immigration issues was close to his heart.

The Aoki Center will sponsor programs at King Hall and across the UC Davis campus that highlight critical scholarship, connecting faculty who conduct critical scholarship on issues involving race, immigration, and/or nation with one another and with interested students. The Aoki Center also will foster student excellence in critical race theory with initiatives that connect learned theory to practice, improving the lives of subordinated groups. Finally, the Aoki Center will serve the pedagogical mission of the School of Law with initiatives that enrich the student experience, including presentations, panels, and discussions.

Faculty affiliates of the Aoki Center include Law School Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Professors Angela Harris (chair), Gabriel “Jack” Chin, Lisa Ikemoto, Leticia Saucedo, and Rose Cuisin Villazor.

OUTSTANDING NEW FACULTY JOIN KING HALL

UC Davis School of Law has succeeded in recruiting four outstanding additions to its already-exceptional faculty. Professors Lesley McAllister, Darien Shanske, Andrea Chandrasekher, and Brian Soucek have joined King Hall.

Professor McAllister joins UC Davis School of Law from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she had taught since 2005 and served as the Stanley Legro Professor in Environmental Law. She holds a JD from Stanford Law School and a PhD from UC Berkeley. She has also taught at UC San Diego, clerked for Judge Fern M. Smith of the Northern District of California, and worked as an attorney for Earthjustice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She teaches and writes in the areas of environmental, natural resources, and energy law, comparative and international law, administrative law, and property law. Her current research focuses on innovative regulatory approaches in environmental and energy policy. Her publications include Climate Change Law & Policy (Aspen, Wolters Kluwer, 2012) and Making Law Matter: Environmental Protection and Legal Institutions in Brazil (Stanford University Press, 2008), as well as numerous articles in leading law journals.

Professor Shanske was a tenured Professor of Law at UC Hastings College of the Law, where he had been on the faculty since 2008. He earned a law degree from Stanford Law School, a PhD from UC Berkeley, and a Master’s Degree from McGill University in Montreal. Prior to law school, Shanske served as a financial consultant for California local governments. After earning his JD, he worked as an attorney in the public finance department of Sidley Austin in San Francisco and clerked for Judge Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His academic interests include taxation, local government law, public finance, and jurisprudence. He has published widely in taxation-oriented publications as well as general interest law journals.

Professor Chandrasekher’s educational background includes a JD from Stanford Law School and a PhD in Economics from UC Berkeley. She has taught as a visiting assistant professor at Northwestern School of Law and served as a fellow at Stanford Law School. Her research interests include criminal law, law and economics, quantitative methods, criminal justice public policy analysis, and policing.

Professor Soucek holds a JD from Yale Law School and a PhD from Columbia University. Prior to law school, he taught as Collegiate Assistant Professor and Chair of the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts at the University of Chicago. After earning his JD in 2011, he clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Mark R. Kravitz in Connecticut and for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. His primary teaching and research interests are discrimination law, civil procedure, constitutional law, the regulatory state, and immigration law.

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KING HALL STUDENTS MEET WITH JUSTICES KENNEDY, SCALIA

King Hall students in the UCDC Law Program enjoyed intimate meetings with Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy and Antonin Scalia during 2013. The justices spoke to larger groups of UCDC students, including undergraduates, and then conducted special question-and-answer sessions with the law students. King Hall students met with Justice Scalia on April 15 and with Justice Kennedy on October 7. The previous year, UCDC Law Program students met with Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

The UCDC Law Program is a uniquely collaborative semester-long externship program in Washington, D.C., combining a weekly seminar with a full-time field placement to offer law students an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation’s capital.

KING HALL STRENGTHENS BAR PREPARATION PROGRAM

UC Davis School of Law has long held a reputation for outstanding bar passage rates. Now, building upon this legacy of excellence, the School of Law is strengthening its Academic Success Program (ASP) and enhancing bar preparation resources to give students and new graduates their best opportunities for continued success.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson said the expansion is an example of the ways in which professional fees received by the School of Law are put to use in programs that directly benefit students. Expansion of the Academic Success Program comes as part of a process that has also resulted in increased financial aid, scholarships, and student services.

UC Davis School of Law already offers one of the most comprehensive bar preparation programs in the country, with innovative courses, workshops, and writing programs for students and new graduates. These outstanding programs have contributed to King Hall’s excellent bar exam pass rate, which through the years has consistently outperformed by a substantial margin the average pass rate for American Bar Association-approved law schools in California.

“Students are always our first priority at UC Davis School of Law,” said Dean Johnson. “King Hall’s bar preparation program offers expert instruction and valuable one-on-one support to hone their exam-taking skills. It is our goal to enable every one of them to pass the exam on their first attempt.”

The program includes an enhanced bar writing program for recent graduates in which a professional bar exam tutor and former bar grader offers special instruction on essay writing to new graduates. The instructor provides guidance on writing strategies and subject matter, tutors students in one-on-one sessions, and grades and provides feedback on timed essays.

UC Davis School of Law’s bar preparation program also includes bar skills courses that may be taken during a law student’s third year, the “Passing the Bar” workshop series, taught by experts on the California bar exam, an Academic Success Program that keeps running through the summer, special presentations hosted by recent King Hall graduates who have passed the bar, and a limited number of discounted and free commercial bar prep courses (a value up to $4,000) for students who participate in early bar programming.

“I’m thankful to the Law School for providing essential resources for new graduates that help prepare us for the bar exam,” said Saba Shatara ’13. “Through King Hall’s Academic Success Program, I’ve received valuable one-on-one essay feedback, clarified issues of tricky substantive law, and gotten the necessary moral support to feel confident taking the exam.”
FEDERAL CIRCUIT CHIEF JUDGE RADER, DAVID KAPPOS, FORMER DIRECTOR OF U.S. PATENT OFFICE, HEADLINE PATENT SYMPOSIUM


The symposium was the final event in the five-year TESLaw series, which arose out of a partnership between UC Davis School of Law and Fenwick & West. Previous symposia in this series focused on patent reform, clean technologies, personalized medicine, and social networking. This year’s symposium on patentable subject matter was organized by Professors Mario Biagioli and Peter Lee as well as Fenwick & West partners David Bell ’97, Bob Hulse ’00, and Bob Sachs.

In his lunch hour keynote address, Chief Judge Rader provided an overview of recent decades of patent law cases. He included personal reflections from his time as a student at George Washington University Law School during the 1970s, as counsel to members and committees of Congress during the 1980s, and as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit since 1990. He talked about how the patent system continues to evolve as science and technology present new patent eligibility questions and courts seek to provide clear guidelines for businesses.

“I don’t think we’ve gotten it right yet,” he said. “But at least we are fortunate to be in a system where we’ll struggle with properly reflecting the science in our legal decisions, and we’ll make commercial certitude a consideration in our legal determinations, which will also reflect the fairness and equity of our societal underpinnings. I don’t think there is going to be a quick answer, but I am hopeful that maybe the best consequence of all this is that it is drawing more people into the discussion, and with more attention I think they’ll come to realize that the patent system plays a great role in our economy and our future.”

The symposium also included introductory remarks from Associate Dean Vikram Amar and Bob Hulse, as well as a morning panel discussion of “Patent Eligibility in the Life Sciences” moderated by Professor Peter Lee and an afternoon panel on “Patent Eligibility in Software and Business Methods” moderated by Bob Sachs.

IN BRIEF

FACULTY HONORS

Dean Kevin R. Johnson was ranked 14th in a National Jurist survey of the top 25 “Most Influential in Legal Education.”

Professor Peter Lee was selected as a 2012-2013 UC Davis Chancellor’s Fellow and received an award of $25,000 to be used in support of his research, teaching, and service activities.

Professor Angela Harris was honored by UC Berkeley School of Law with a daylong symposium on her work. “The Festschrift Symposium in Honor of Angela Harris” featured a keynote speech from UCLA School of Law Dean Rachel Moran and panel discussions with legal scholars including UC Davis Professor Madhavi Sunder.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Professor Leticia Saucedo will serve as part of a team of UC Davis faculty participating in an interdisciplinary research initiative exploring the topic of “Managing Temporary Migrations: California, the U.S., and the World.” The research team is one of seven “clusters” to receive awards as part of UC Davis’ new Interdisciplinary Frontiers in the Humanities and Arts (IFHA) program.

Professor Emeritus Harrison C. “Hap” Dunning received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bay Institute, a nonprofit public service organization focused on the conservation of the San Francisco Bay and its watershed.
CLARENCE B. JONES, SPEECHWRITER FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SPEAKS AT ‘REMEMBERING OUR ROOTS’ EVENT

Dr. Clarence B. Jones, who served as counsel and speechwriter for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and helped compose the historic “I Have a Dream” speech, spoke at UC Davis on February 4 as part of a celebration of King's legacy and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington.

The event, “Remembering Our Roots: Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at King Hall,” included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor Cruz Reynoso, and Fabiola Larios ’13, who spearheaded the event's planning.

The author of What Would Martin Say? and Behind the Dream: The Making of a Speech that Transformed the Nation, Jones impacted the course of American history through his work with King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) during the civil rights movement. He coordinated the successful legal defense of King and SCLC leaders in libel suits that led to the U.S. Supreme Court case Sullivan v. The New York Times, and drafted the settlement agreement between King and the City of Birmingham that ended demonstrations and desegregated the city's department stores and public accommodations. He also assisted in drafting the famous “I Have a Dream” speech delivered as part of the March on Washington on August 28, 1963.

Following a brief introduction from Dean Johnson, Jones related the often humorous tale of how King persuaded the initially reluctant young lawyer to join his legal team, and talked about discussions they had about the ethics and legal consequences of civil disobedience. He recalled being present when King delivered the famous “I Have a Dream” and “How Long, Not Long” speeches, and said that honoring King's legacy today requires the courage to confront contemporary social problems such as gun violence.

“Slain by the rifle bullet of a racist assassin in Memphis, Tennessee, Martin Luther King, Jr. is unequivocally America’s apostle of nonviolence,” said Jones. “The greatest tribute we today can give in commemoration is to remind our nation that yes, the moral arc of the universe does bend toward justice, but justice in honor of our brother Martin requires that we do whatever it takes to initiate programs to reduce and eradicate the spread of the disease of gun violence in our country.”

ASSISTANT DEAN OF ADMISSION SHARON PINKNEY RETIRES

Sharon Pinkney, Assistant Dean of Admission at UC Davis School of Law, has retired after playing an indispensable role in recruitment and admissions at King Hall for 35 years. She is succeeded by former Director of Admission and Outreach Kristen Mercado.

“The Law School has been such a major part of my life for so many years, because of the people I’ve met and worked with and the students I’ve gotten to know,” said Pinkney. “I sincerely appreciate the opportunity I was given, and I'm proud of what we were able to achieve.”

Pinkney earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Occidental College in Los Angeles and worked for seven years as Project Assistant for the Occidental College Upward Bound Program, helping to prepare economically and educationally disadvantaged students for college. She founded the groundbreaking King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP) in 2001, where she continued to assist first-generation college students and economically disadvantaged students in preparing for the law school admissions process. She was actively involved in university service at UC Davis, participating on the Law School’s Dean Search Committee, chairing the Upward Bound Advisory Committee, and serving as a member of the campus Workload Issues Task Force. She served on several national committees for the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). In 2003, Pinkney and the UC Davis Law Admission staff were co-recipients of the UC Davis Affirmative Action and Diversity Achievement Department/Team Award.

“It would be hard to overstate Sharon's contribution to our King Hall community,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “As the founder of KHOP and the person who spearheaded our student recruitment efforts, she profoundly impacted the character of our student body and our Law School for more than three decades. She will be missed by everyone at King Hall, but we wish her all the best in her retirement.”

Mercado, who earned her law degree at the University of Chicago Law School, joined King Hall as Associate Director of Admission and Outreach in 2011. In her new role, she will seek to streamline and improve the application review process while continuing to recruit and retain a talented and diverse student body.
Immigration Law Clinic students aid immigrant workers in Mississippi

Immigration Law Clinic students Emily Wilson ’13, Stephanie Platenkamp ’14, Anita Mukherji ’14, and Nienke Schouten ’14 travelled to Mississippi in April to provide free legal aid to immigrant workers.

In response to a call from the National Employment Law Project (NELP), the Clinic accepted the cases of poultry workers seeking immigration relief. The workers allegedly were subjected to abusive working conditions, felonious assault, and extortion in their workplace in Morton, Mississippi. Students travelled there to meet with clients, finalize their U Visa applications, and review applications and declarations.

The students spent hours each day interviewing workers and documenting their stories of harassment and endurance in a low-wage workplace environment. The students were able to put skills learned in King Hall classrooms to use interviewing and counseling workers and their families.

“I speak for all of us when I say it was the highlight of our year,” said Platenkamp. “We heard stories of workers who endured abuse and at the same time lived in fear of retaliation if they spoke up in the workplace.”

Professor Leticia Saucedo, who accompanied the group, said, “I’m proud of my students. They were lawyers in the real sense, showing respect and empathy, and allowing these workers to feel dignified for coming forward to tell their stories.”
Professor Leticia Saucedo was presented with the William and Sally Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award and King Hall scholarship donors and recipients were honored at the 34th Annual Scholarship Recognition and Distinguished Teaching Award Celebration on March 14. The event included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor Saucedo, Professor Miguel Méndez, and Dean’s Merit Scholarship recipient Irene Williams ’14.

Dean Johnson acted as master of ceremonies, welcoming the audience and thanking the donors present, which included two members of the Rutter family, Paul Rutter and Jennifer Uhl. Williams also thanked the donors for supporting scholarships that helped make it possible for her to attend King Hall. She spoke of how she grew up “in the projects” in Houston, Texas as part of a poor family that often couldn’t afford electricity or running water, but “kept on dreaming” of one day becoming a lawyer.

“To the donors, I want to say, Thank you for your contributions, which have directly aided me and so many of my classmates in achieving our goals,” said Williams. “I’d like to close by saying that I’m truly blessed. Every day I am at King Hall is a reminder of where I’ve come from and where I’m going. To everyone here tonight, thank you all for encouraging me and every student at King Hall to keep dreaming.”

Turning to the presentation of the Distinguished Teaching Award winner, Dean Johnson praised Professor Saucedo and her contribution to the School of Law. “She is an outstanding legal scholar whose scholarship on the intersections of employment, labor, and immigration law has been published in leading law reviews,” he said. “She also is a passionate believer in clinical legal education and a teacher who is always willing to go above and beyond expectations for her students.”

The event closed with remarks from Professor Saucedo. She thanked the Rutter family for endowing the Distinguished Teaching Award and spoke admiringly of her colleagues and her students, who continue to inspire her.

“I am quite fortunate to have landed as a teacher in a place like Davis,” she said. “My dean, my colleagues, my co-workers in the clinic, and my husband, all support our efforts to teach and to learn, while in law school, from a place of experience, the life lessons that our future lawyers will carry with them, lessons about the respect and dignity that all of our clients, whether rich or poor, regardless of immigration status, deserve. I am deeply humbled and proud to be part of a community of scholars and teachers who care so much not just about their students but about the clients they will represent.”

DEAN JOHNSON TRAVELS TO CHILE TO FACILITATE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Dean Kevin R. Johnson led a UC Davis School of Law delegation to Santiago, Chile on November 4-9, 2012 to meet with Chilean leaders, facilitate faculty and student exchange programs with Chilean law schools, and attend the Association of Pacific Rim Universities 2012 Law Deans Meeting.

Accompanied by Executive Director of International Programs Beth Greenwood ’91 and UC Davis-Chile Program Director Jorge Rojas LL.M. ’03, Dean Johnson worked to expand the longstanding partnership between the Republic of Chile and UC Davis, initiate new relationships between King Hall and law schools in Chile and other nations, and increase the opportunities available to King Hall students and faculty.

In addition to meeting with Chilean alumni of King Hall’s Academic Year LL.M., Masters in International Commercial Law, and other international programs, Dean Johnson and the delegation met with dignitaries including the U.S. Ambassador to Chile Alejandro Wolff (who spoke at King Hall in November 2012), Chilean officials including Minister of the Economy Pablo Longueira, Undersecretary Tomas Flores, and Minister of Justice Teodoro Ribera. The meetings provided an opportunity to discuss areas of common interest and opportunities for collaborative initiatives.

Dean Johnson also met with officials from the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and individuals involved in overseeing the Chile-University of California Partnership, a plan to collaborate on a wide range of educational initiatives that was formalized in 2008 when Chilean President Michelle Bachelet visited UC Davis to sign several Memoranda of Understanding. That same year, UC Davis School of Law initiated a partnership with Universidad de Chile School of Law that has enabled Professors Peter Lee and Richard Frank to visit the Chilean school and allowed for King Hall to host several Chilean student and faculty exchanges.

Dean Johnson and the delegation also attended the Association of Pacific Rim Universities Law Deans Meeting 2012 at the Universidad de Chile. Dean Roberto Nahum was an extraordinarily gracious host and gave special recognition to Dean Johnson and King Hall. UC Davis School of Law was the only American law school represented at the conference, which drew administrators and faculty from law schools in Australia, China, Germany, New Zealand, Taiwan, Thailand, Singapore, Russia, Indonesia, Spain, the Philippines, India, and Costa Rica.
UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic students Melanie Young ’13, Charlene Chen ’13, and Christine Meeuwsen ’14 collaborated with former United States Solicitor General Paul Clement and two other leading appellate attorneys, Erin Murphy and Michael McGinley, on the case of Immigration Clinic client Claudette Hubbard. The case, Hubbard v. Holder, concerns a lesbian who has been ordered removed to Jamaica, a country known for violence against homosexuals. Based upon the Jamaican government’s tolerance of violence against gays and lesbians, Hubbard is seeking protection under the Convention Against Torture. Students collaborated with Clement, Murphy, and McGinley on an opening brief that succeeded in remanding the case to the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Paul Clement, who served as Solicitor General from 2005-08, has argued more than 65 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court since 2000—more than any other lawyer. A former clerk for Judge Laurence H. Silberman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Associate Justice Antonin Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court, he is a partner at Bancroft PLLC, and teaches as an adjunct or visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center. Erin Murphy is counsel at Bancroft, and Michael McGinley is an associate there.

Holly Cooper, a lecturer and staff attorney with the Immigration Law Clinic, said that Clement had previously expressed an interest in working with the Clinic on circuit court appeals, and the collaboration came about after she contacted Clement’s office regarding the Hubbard case.

“This has been a fantastic experience for our students, learning legal writing and research at a very high level and working alongside some of the nation’s best appellate lawyers,” said Cooper.

More than 200 academic experts, policy makers, and environmental law practitioners joined King Hall faculty, students, and staff for “The Endangered Species Act at 40: Examining Its Past and Exploring Its Future” on October 4. The day-long conference, sponsored by the UC Davis School of Law California Environmental Law & Policy Center (CELPC), featured a keynote speech by former Arizona Governor and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and a series of panel discussions featuring prominent government policymakers, environmental lawyers, wildlife scientists, and academics.

Following welcoming remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson and an introduction by Professor of Environmental Practice Richard Frank, Director of CELPC, former Secretary of the Interior Babbitt delivered a keynote address he acknowledged would be controversial. He talked about how “offshore-inland” technologies have enabled oil and natural gas extraction to occur with minimal impact in some areas of the Amazon Basin, and called upon federal agencies to use the Endangered Species Act to require the use of such technologies in the United States to prevent the destruction of habitat by the oil and gas industry. The Obama administration should use the Endangered Species Act to protect the potentially endangered greater sage grouse and its habitat, which includes some 70 million acres of public land, by requiring the use of offshore-inland technology, he said.

“Some may say it’s already too late to put habitat planning back on track,” said Babbitt. “Others may counsel that in this time of divided government and the seeming ascendency of anti-environmental politicians, the best course is to retreat, even on public lands, by just scaling down to the lowest common denominator of consensus, whether or not that consensus meets legal requirements of the Act… To them I would say that I believe that history informs us time and time again that the best way to protect an environmental law is to use it vigorously, especially on public lands that belong to all of us, the American people.”

Panel discussion topics included “Four Decades of the ESA: A Legal and Policy Retrospective,” “State and International Perspectives on Wildlife Protection Laws,” “Creative Approaches to the ESA: Candidate Conservation Agreements, Habitat Conservation Plans, Safe Harbor Agreements, and More,” and “The Future of the ESA: A Conversation with Some Premier ESA Attorneys & Scholars.” Panelists included King Hall faculty members such as Professor Frank and Professor Lesley McAllister, as well UC Berkeley School of Law Professor Holly Doremus, formerly a King Hall faculty member. Panel moderators included King Hall alumni Miles Hogan ’12, former CELPC Environmental Law Fellow, and Mary Scoonover ’87, Chair of the CELPC Advisory Board and an attorney with Resources Law Group. The conference also included an introductory “ESA 101” session with Professor Albert Lin.
Gary Goodpaster, Professor Emeritus of Law at UC Davis, has died. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1937, he enrolled in Indiana University and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Phi Beta Kappa key. He then received a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship to study philosophy at Columbia University in New York. At the end of the fellowship, he enrolled in the Indiana University School of Law. After earning his law degree, he took a position as the law clerk to Chief Judge John Hastings of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago, and then joined the law faculty of the University of Iowa.

Professor Goodpaster arrived at King Hall in 1971. During his tenure at Davis, he worked for three summers as a Criminal Trial Attorney for Federal Defenders of San Diego, Inc. He also served as Chief Assistant State Public Defender, setting up and managing the new state Public Defender's Office. He wrote two books, one on constitutional law and one on negotiation and dispute resolution. His many academic articles included “The Human Arts of Lawyering: Interviewing and Counseling,” one of the first in the then-nascent field of academic writing on the teaching of lawyering skills, and “The Trial for Life: Effective Assistance of Counsel in Death Penalty Cases,” a major article aimed at establishing the basic law on this issue.

In 1992, he became involved in international development consulting, focusing on a broad array of legal and economic concerns, and as part of this work, he taught the first negotiation skills course to faculty at the University of Indonesia Law School, a course that became the seed of negotiation skills training courses in many Indonesian law schools. On two leaves of absence from UC Davis, he was Chief of Party for two major law and economics projects in Indonesia. Upon retirement from UC Davis on January 1, 2000, Goodpaster continued his international development work, working on short-term projects in Afghanistan, East Timor, Egypt, Mongolia, the Philippines and Zambia. In 2005, he taught for a semester at the Johns Hopkins University International School in Nanjing, China.

Professor Goodpaster died at home in late 2012, surrounded by his family. He is survived by wife Gracie; sons Jude, Blaise, and Adam; daughter Jessica; daughters-in-law MaiAnh, Stacie, and Gina; grandchildren Joaquin, Maisha, Kai, Cody, and Mari; sister Yolanda, niece Nicole, and nephew Victor.

The King Hall Young Alumni Association held a series of successful regional launch events over the course of 2013, establishing an exciting new resource for recent UC Davis School of Law graduates. Founded in early 2013 by a volunteer committee of alumni in Southern California, the group’s core purpose is to bolster professional networks among recent King Hall graduates by hosting regular events for young alumni.

The Young Alumni Association’s inaugural event, held in Los Angeles in July, drew more than five dozen alumni spanning nearly all 15 years of the young alumni base and was almost surely the largest King Hall alumni gathering to date in Southern California.

“We were thrilled with the turn-out and the energy at our very first event. It meant we were onto something that people wanted, and it motivated us to keep going,” said Jeff Osofsky ’09, an associate at Munger Tolles & Olsen, who helped to organize the event. The group followed up with similarly successful events in Orange County, San Francisco, and Sacramento.

The Young Alumni Association is run by a 41-member board comprised of alumni from various class years and representing different employers and industries. The board members hope to create the strongest community possible among King Hall’s more than 3,000 young alumni. Goals include the fostering of mentorship relationships between experienced and recent alumni, supporting King Hall’s recruitment, outreach, and job placement efforts, and enhancing the visibility of the Law School in the chapter’s geographic region.

All graduates of King Hall within the last 15 years (currently from 1998 forward) are encouraged to join. There are no dues. For more information on the Young Alumni Association, including information on membership and upcoming events, please visit www.ucdavisyaa.com.
Entering the legal job market can be difficult even in the best of times, and today’s economy presents special challenges. UC Davis School of Law is responding in ways that make a difference for King Hall alumni.

The UC Davis School of Law Office of Career Services is expanding services available to recent graduates, ramping up efforts to support job seekers by increasing its outreach to a diverse range of legal employers, and working to ensure that new graduates are able to take advantage of the wide variety of available resources.

With six staff members including four licensed attorneys, much of the focus for Career Services is on helping students acquire and prepare for interviews with prospective employers. The office presents speakers and training workshops geared to student needs and the hiring cycles of various segments of the legal and law-related job markets. Career Services also hosts several networking events each year in which students can connect with potential employers, including extensive On-Campus Interview (OCI) programs held in the fall and spring.

Recently, Career Services has launched new initiatives such as the Trial Hire program. One consequence of the challenging legal economy has been that many firms have downsized or eliminated their summer programs, which in the past provided a trial period to evaluate potential new associates, explained Craig Compton, Assistant Dean of Career Services. The program offers firms the opportunity to employ King Hall graduates on a temporary, hourly basis, giving employers the opportunity to assess whether the candidate is right for them, Compton said.

Many employers have chosen to hire a graduate on an hourly basis following the bar and then reevaluate the candidate after bar results are released. While firms are under no obligation, offers of ongoing employment often result. The program was launched in 2011 and has been expanded each year, Compton said.

“We have great students graduating each year with a lot of skills gained through summer positions and school-year clinics and externships. Once our alums start working with our recent graduates they regularly choose to hire them on as full-time associates,” said Craig Compton.

“It’s really a win-win program, and I would encourage other firms to become involved,” said Don Davis ’93, a partner of Burke, Williams & Sorenson, who hired Lisa Kurihara ’11 shortly after she completed the bar. “I don’t see a downside for firms. It’s a great way to assess whether a candidate is a good fit without making a significant upfront commitment.” Lisa Kurihara is one of many success stories under this program as she is about to enter her third year at Burke, Williams & Sorenson.

Last year, Craig Judson ’84, a founder and partner at Bold, Polisner, Maddow, Nelson & Judson in Walnut Creek, hired Michael Nelson ’12 on a trial basis.

“I needed some assistance on a couple of cases that were perfect for a new attorney,” said Judson, “and Craig Compton brought up the possibility of bringing in a recent King Hall graduate in a low-risk situation where we didn’t have to make a long-term commitment. It was a very safe route to go, and I liked the fact that I would be helping at least one young attorney get his feet wet in the law.”

Nelson proved to be a good fit and was offered long-term employment after his bar results became available. “It’s awfully hard to tell what a young lawyer is going to be like from a résumé and a 15-minute interview,” said Judson. “In this program, you get to actually have someone in the office, see how he conducts himself, see what kinds of questions he asks, the quality of his work, and his dedication to the law and to the firm. I’m very satisfied with the way this worked out.”

“For me, this was a great way to use that long period between graduation and when the bar results become available in November,” said Nelson. “The program is low-risk, high-reward for students and for firms.”
In an inspiring display of unity across the generations, alumni of the UC Davis School of Law Black Law Students Association (BLSA) returned to UC Davis in April for the first-ever King Hall Black Alumni Reunion. The event drew a strong turnout of alumni as well as current Law School faculty, students, and staff, who enjoyed tours of the newly renovated and expanded King Hall as well as a luncheon featuring remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson at the Gunrock Pub.

“I think that all of us associated with UC Davis School of Law can take pride in the sense of community that is on display here today,” Dean Johnson said in his welcoming remarks. “This event came into being because you all wanted to come together, celebrate your achievements, and show your support for each other and the School of Law.”

Dean Johnson said he hoped the reunion would bolster the Law School’s sense of community and help to promote the formation of mentoring relationships between BLSA alumni and students. “The forming and nurturing of mentoring relationships is especially important,” he said. “They enable us to share experiences and connections, and most of all to share our support and encouragement for the next generation of legal professionals.”

BLSA co-chair Irene Williams ’14, also talked about the important bond between BLSA alumni and current students. “This reunion is about you, King Hall’s black alumni,” she said. “We are here to celebrate your achievements and the fact that current black law students likely wouldn’t be where we are today, wouldn’t have the opportunities we have today, wouldn’t dare to dream like we dare to dream today, if those of you who came before us had not paved the way.”

The event came together following a chance meeting at the Annual March for the Dream Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration in Sacramento in 2011. Fitz King ’13 and Embert Madison ’13 were there representing the School of Law when Windie Scott ’77, a California Deputy State Controller, stopped by their table at the Sacramento Convention Center. King mentioned that the BLSA was considering putting together a reunion, and Scott responded enthusiastically, and that set things into motion, especially after Scott recruited her classmate, the Honorable Otis Benning ’77, a retired state administrative law judge.

“We had been talking about doing this for a while, but we were worried that we didn’t have enough contacts or enough manpower to get in touch with all of the people we needed to reach out to,” said King. “When Windie and Otis signed on, the ball really started rolling. Their involvement helped to give us the...
confidence to take our proposal to the Dean’s Office, and they were very supportive.”

Scott and Benning were instrumental in organizing the reunion, and also spoke at the event, leading a “walk through the decades” in which they recalled events and issues at King Hall through the years and invited alumni to share their perspectives.

BLSA President Katie Fowler ’14 also played a key role in organizing the event, spearheading the BLSA’s efforts and working with the Dean’s Office and other student groups. She also spoke at the reunion, thanking the many alumni in attendance for participating.

“I would like to thank each of you for coming,” Fowler said. “It was so important for us to put this day together because we hope to establish a stronger connection to you, our black alumni. You inspire us with your accomplishments and as we look forward to our own legal careers, it is comforting to know that we are joining such an amazing community of strong, successful, black professionals.”

Among the many BLSA alumni present were Michael Lawson ’70, Randy Cooke ’71, the Honorable Elisha Harris ’72, Darryl Billups ’75, the Honorable Judy Johnson ’76, Cynthia Spencer-Ayres ’76, Ramona Armstead (Arceneaux) ’76, the Honorable Leslie Brown ’77, Michael Lee ’79, Linda Blackwell ’80, the Honorable Ramona Garrett ’80, Gregory Jennings ’87, Sandra Talbott ’88, Vera Marcus ’90, Don F Harris ’91, Darryl Stallworth ’92, David Andrew Eldridge ’94, the Honorable Stacy Boulware Eurie ’95, Marvin Mizell ’96, Christine Lovely ’96, Amal Abu-Rahma ’97, the Honorable Dian Vorters ’97, Arthur Lipscomb ’02, Shanee Y. W. Nelson ’02, Natasha Ralston-Ratcliff ’04, Makesha Patterson ’05, Bryan Hawkins ’05, Kyanna Williams ’06, Renee Reimonenq ’08, Charles Oshinuga ’11, Jihan A Kahssay ’12, and Edward Brown ’12.

The reunion also was attended by King Hall faculty including Dean Johnson, Associate Dean Vikram Amar, Professors Alan Brownstein, Angela Harris, and Evelyn Lewis, and Director of Legal Writing Clay Tanaka.

Stacy Boulware Eurie ’95, Presiding Judge of the Sacramento County Juvenile Court and a member of the King Hall Alumni Association Board, said the event was an excellent way to celebrate the Black Law Students Association’s legacy and its many outstanding alumni.

“There is a distinct bond that many students form in law school,” she said. “For me, BLSA provided a thread and a commonality, and being able to participate in the reunion was a way to celebrate a bond that goes across graduating classes and across generations. It was an opportunity to celebrate a dynamic organization that has, with the support of all of King Hall’s deans, professors, staff, and students, generated tremendous lawyers who have given to our legal community in very different ways. I thought the reunion was a very worthwhile way to honor the organization and the members who have been engaged over the years.”

A - Stan Lovely and Christine Denise Lovely ’96
B - Professor Evelyn Lewis and Jihan A. Kahssay ’12
C - Professor Alan Brownstein, Shanee Nelson ’02, and Judge Dian Vorters ’97
D - BLSA alumni tour the newly renovated King Hall
E - Professor Clay Tanaka and Michael Lee ’79
F - Windee Scott ’77
G - The Honorable Otis Benning ’77
H - Katie Fowler ’14, Fitz King ’13, Laraya Parnell ’15, and Natasha Ralston-Ratcliff ’04

photos: Ike Orjiakor ’15
Professor Karima Bennoune interviewed nearly 300 people of Muslim heritage in almost 30 countries over the course of three years spent working on her book, *Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight Against Muslim Fundamentalism*. Of all the stories she heard, none had more impact than that of Amel Zenoune-Zouani, an Algerian woman who was brutally killed by extremists because she refused to abandon her legal studies.

“I was extremely touched by so many people that I met, but her story is truly embedded in my heart,” said Bennoune.

Zenoune-Zouani was a law student at the University of Algiers during the 1990s, when armed fundamentalists were threatening students—especially women—and demanding they abandon their studies. Zenoune-Zouani refused and, on one trip to visit her parents in January 1997, fundamentalists stopped her bus, dragged her into the street, and slit her throat. She was 22.

In November 2012, Bennoune was able to locate Zenoune-Zouani’s family in Algiers. She interviewed her mother and sister, and was shown the shattered watch that stopped at 5:17—the moment Amel fell to the street. She heard how the young law student believed passionately in education as a means to achieve freedom and equality and how she reacted to the fundamentalist threats against her and her sisters, who were also students.

“Shortly before her death, she told her mother, ‘Please put this in your head. Inshallah, god willing, nothing will happen to us. But if something happens, you must know that we are dead for knowledge. You and father must hold your heads high.’”

“It’s a story that really stays with me and it reminds me of the incredible importance and privilege of what we do when we’re able to work in education,” Bennoune said.

Bennoune has been working in education for more than a decade, during which time she has emerged as a leading scholar in the field of international law and human rights. A graduate of the University of Michigan, where she earned degrees in Middle Eastern and North African Studies as well as her Juris Doctor from the School of Law, she worked as a legal advisor for Amnesty International before beginning her teaching career in 2001. In 2012, she joined the King Hall faculty from Rutgers School of Law – Newark, where she taught international law and human rights for 10 years. She is the first Arab-American to be honored with the Derrick A. Bell Award from the Section on Minority Groups of the Association of American Law Schools.

Though she has worked in international law and human rights issues in a wide range of contexts, Bennoune has a powerful personal connection to the fight against Muslim fundamentalism. Her father, Mahfoud Bennoune, was a professor of Anthropology at the University of Algiers 20 years ago, when fundamentalist extremists began assassinating Algerian intellectuals and initiated a violent, decade-long struggle in that country. Mahfoud Bennoune placed himself in great danger by continuing to teach Darwinism and other ideas denounced by the fundamentalists.
and by outspokenly criticizing their agenda.

“He absolutely refused to be silenced,” said Bennoune. “He wrote articles in the Algerian press, signing his name, denouncing them as representing a break from the true Islam that had been lived by our ancestors in Algeria, denouncing terrorism, and denouncing their crimes.”

Karima Bennoune was attending law school in the United States at the time, but she frequently visited her father in Algiers. On one such visit, he took her around the city, showing her where to go and what to do if he was assassinated.

“It was an intense experience, realizing the danger people were in and knowing that so many people could not just get on a plane and go back to the United States the way I could,” she said. “In many ways, the book is written out of a sense that we got lucky in my family. My father had to quit teaching, and move out of his apartment, and endure incredible stress, but he survived the violence. I found myself feeling a sense of obligation to the families of those who didn’t survive.”

*Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight Against Muslim Fundamentalism* is written in part to illuminate the history of opposition to Islamic fundamentalism by people of Muslim heritage for audiences in the West, where such efforts all too often have gone unnoticed. Many in Algeria continue to feel a resentment regarding the lack of support from abroad for those who risked their lives opposing fundamentalist violence in Algeria during what is now known as that country’s “dark decade,” Bennoune said.

*Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here* has drawn praise from *The Economist*, *Publisher’s Weekly*, *The Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and other media for its wide-ranging perspective on Muslim majority societies. The book has two main purposes, Bennoune explained.

“The first goal is to garner more support for the people like Amel Zenoune-Zouani today, people in countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia, Tunisia, and Egypt who are standing up in peaceful, nonviolent, creative, intellectual, and legal ways against fundamentalism, extremism, and terrorism,” she said.

“The second is to get Americans to examine what may be some of their own stereotypes about people from Muslim-majority countries, and instead recognize their incredible diversity. It is important to recognize that many people of Muslim heritage have confronted terrorism, have been victims of terrorism, have been the first to confront fundamentalist violence, and have received very little support in the process.”

*Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here* includes a dedication to one such person: Amel Zenoune-Zouani.

“In the book I write that ‘Amel’s watch stopped at 5:17, but she lives on in Algeria and everywhere else women and men continue to fight fundamentalism, by striving for knowledge, and by keeping their heads held high.”
Jack Chinski, a Polish immigrant and Holocaust survivor, loved the law. After he died, the family found a poignant reminder of his passion for equality and social justice that prompted his son, Arthur Chinski ’70, to make a generous gift to UC Davis School of Law in his honor.

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“My father was the son of a tailor in one of the small shtetl towns in Europe before the Holocaust,” Chinski said. “My grandfather was a leader in the Jewish Council, which among other things assured education and help for the poor. People used to come to him to ask him to resolve various problems. My father was always at his side.”

After a pogrom during which Polish Nazis burned down the Jewish section of the town, Chinski’s grandfather became a kind of community activist, helping to form a coalition of Jews and Christians to deal with the issue of injustices and rebuilding the town.

“My family was threatened by the instigators of the pogrom,” Chinski said. “My father, although young and frightened, learned that sometimes you have to speak up against intolerance and prejudice and take actions to bring diverse people together, even if not popular. He instilled this in all his children and grandchildren. He never had the kind of opportunities that I’ve had, but my father always maintained his interest in law and justice and volunteered with organizations such as Bet Tzedek Legal Services.”

Arthur Chinski was born in Poland just after the end of World War II. After a period of time spent living in a displaced persons camp, the family immigrated to the United States, living first in Dallas, then moving to Los Angeles, where his father owned a tailor shop. Chinski enrolled at King Hall in 1967, shortly after graduating from UCLA. These were the early years for UC Davis School of Law, when classes were held in bungalows and other buildings around the UC Davis campus, but Chinski appreciated the small class sizes and the opportunity to study with outstanding scholars including Dean Edward L. Barrett and Professors Dan Dykstra, Jim Hogan, and Edgar Bodenheimer.

“I was interested in constitutional law, and Dean Barrett was just phenomenal,” he said. “Edgar Bodenheimer was also very important to me, because he had been a prosecutor during the Nuremberg trials, which was important to me because I knew where my parents had come from.”

Inspired by the sense of social responsibility that prevailed at King Hall, Chinski put his training in constitutional law to work as an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles. In 1974 he joined Buchalter Nemer, where he represents private and public companies and management in a wide range of industries in all areas of employment relations and labor law. He also has taught as an adjunct professor at Southwestern University School of Law, published articles on employment and labor law, and participates in numerous labor and employment law programs for attorneys and management.

Recently, Chinski returned to the newly expanded and renovated King Hall with his mother to visit the classroom named in honor of his parents. “It was almost overwhelming to be there and to remember those classes years ago in the bungalows,” he said. “The new part of the building is very impressive, as is the restoration of the older parts. I’m proud my family has been a part of it.”
If you haven’t visited UC Davis School of Law recently, you’re in for a surprise: the now-completed King Hall Expansion and Renovation project has exceeded expectations. The decade-long effort to build for the School of Law a facility befitting its status as one of the nation’s leading law schools has resulted in a facility that is both functionally state-of-the-art and aesthetically second to none. The change has been remarkable, as this photo feature contrasting new and old images of King Hall reveals.
The building project occurred in two phases. First came the construction of the new “expansion wing,” which now provides 18,000-square-feet of assignable space, houses the new Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, additional classrooms, office space, and more.

Immediately following completion of the expansion, work began on the renovation and retrofitting of the previously existing King Hall building to complement the new, state-of-the-art expansion wing, bringing significant improvements to classrooms, study areas, the student lounge, student organization offices, the Mabie Law Library, and other key facilities. Though the renovation of classrooms, the student lounge, and students offices was largely completed by the end of 2012, some finishing touches were added during 2013, including renovations of the Mabie Law Library Reading Room and Darling Lounge, as well as the installation of the North Student Plaza area with sun shading, a seminar garden, bicycle racks, and a coffee kiosk.

King Hall alumni viewing the images in this collection will notice numerous impressive improvements. Among the many changes, classrooms have been modernized to support new technologies and interactive learning, with a “horseshoe” seating configuration and shallower vertical drop from the back of the room to the front to create an enhanced feeling of intimacy. The building now features abundant natural light and transparent surfaces, contributing to an overall ambience of brilliance and openness, and reflecting the highest aspirations and public spirit of the Law School. The newly enclosed King Hall courtyard and expanded student lounge provide impressive new spaces for study, relaxation, and events, further enhancing the Law School’s sense of community.

The successful completion of the building project has positively impacted the experience of students, faculty, and staff in ways too numerous to mention. We hope this visual tour of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project helps to convey some of the impact for those who haven’t yet returned to the School of Law to experience those changes for themselves, and hope that all Law School alumni will make plans to visit the bigger and better King Hall at their first opportunity.

*Student Lounge*

*left: Student Lounge, 1974*

*below: Judy Campos McKeehan ’74 Memorial Student Lounge, 2012*
Courtyard

right: The Great Chili Cook-off takes place in the King Hall Courtyard, 1983

below: Student Group Information Fair held in the King Hall Courtyard, 2013
Lounge
far-left: Upstairs hallway, 2007
left: Upstairs classroom #2064, 2005
below: Hugh and Hazel Darling Lounge, a space previously occupied by the classroom and hallway in the two left photographs, 2013

Mabie Law Library Lobby
above: Mabie Law Library lobby, 2013
right: Law library lobby, ca. 1974
far-right: Library lobby reference desk, ca. 1974
Classrooms

below-left: Professor Floyd Feeney lectures in an upstairs classroom, 1993
below-right: Professor Jack Ayer lectures in an upstairs classroom, 1969
bottom: Professor Lisa Pruitt lectures in an upstairs classroom, 2011
right: Students and faculty participate in a moot court competition, 1969

below: The California Supreme Court holds a special session in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, 2012

North Student Plaza

above: North Plaza, 2005

right: North Student Plaza, featuring sun shading, a seminar garden, bicycle racks, and a coffee kiosk, 2013
The King Hall community includes dozens of active student organizations, including groups based on legal interests, ethnicity, recreational activities, and other shared experiences and concerns. Yet until very recently, there was no group to represent one very unique category of students: veterans of military service.

The King Hall Veterans Association (KHVA) has changed that. Formed by Michael Van Derwood ‘15 and Tara Hutzol ‘14 during the 2011-12 academic year, the group ramped up activities during 2013, hosting an inaugural Veterans Dinner, working to streamline and clarify the enrollment process for veterans who are prospective students, and offering fellowship, support, and networking opportunities.

“I think the Veterans Association is a good idea, and one that I hope to support, because like the other affinity groups at King Hall, veterans have gone through something no one else has,” said Gary Solis ‘71, a retired U.S. Marine with 26 years of active duty, including tours in Vietnam and service as a Marine judge advocate and military judge. He has taught law at the United States Military Academy, George Washington University, and other institutions, and is currently a visiting professor at King Hall.

“It’s difficult to describe to someone who hasn’t gone through it what it’s like to be a soldier, sailor, or marine, or to have been in any branch of military service, especially for those who have been in combat,” Solis continued. “That is a unique experience that in a way separates those who’ve been through it from others, so to have a group where you can talk to others about similar experiences I think is helpful, not only to the individuals as individuals but as students of the law, and I think it’s to the benefit of King Hall to have such a group.”

“First off, having a group like KHVA provides a level of familiarity, being with people who have undergone similar experiences, as veterans have,” said Steve Suchil ‘80, an Assistant Vice President at the American Insurance Association who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-70 and who has been working to support the KHVA. “Secondly, the second- and third-year students can help the first-year students, can teach them about the new environment, what to expect, what to do, how to learn and thrive.”

“King Hall is very welcoming to everybody, and I think veterans feel very welcome here, but it is still nice to have a group of peers who really understand each other’s experiences,” said Van Derwood, a captain and logistics officer with the U.S. Marine Corps from 2005-2011. “We can use the group to support each other, but we’re not just doing this for ourselves. We feel like the group can be a benefit to King Hall as a whole, too.”

The KHVA already has made it easier for veterans to apply to King Hall by working with the law school and UC Davis administrators to clarify the process of applying for benefits and posting the information online at the KHVA website (http://students.law.ucdavis.edu/veterans). For the first time, veteran status is part of the information collected by the School of Law from prospective students, and the KHVA is reaching out to veteran applicants to encourage them to attend if accepted.

“We think all of this is going to contribute to higher recruitment and retention for veterans, and we think that will be a good thing for veterans and for King Hall,” said Van Derwood.

KHVA is already working to organize another Veterans Dinner. Long range plans include the possibility of establishing financial aid that could be made available to student veterans. (Those interested in supporting this effort may contact Christian Rockwood, Associate Director of Annual Gifts, at cdrockwood@ucdavis.edu.)

“As a group, veterans tend to gel very quickly,” Van Derwood said. “When we have something we want to do, we come together and get it done. We want our veteran alumni to know that we have an active group, we have a plan, and we are executing it.”
Partnerships IN Public Service

How UC Davis School of Law Collaborates with Public Service Organizations to Serve Students, Alumni, and the Community.
March 31, 2013: It’s Cesar Chavez Day in Sacramento, a legal holiday for UC Davis and the School of Law, yet dozens of King Hall faculty, students, and alumni are hard at work hosting a naturalization workshop to help about 80 lawful permanent residents apply for U.S. citizenship.

Thirty-eight King Hall students and nine alumni are on hand to answer questions and review citizenship applications under the supervision of faculty including Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Education Leticia Saucedo, Supervising Attorney with the Law School’s Civil Rights Clinic Carter “Cappy” White, and Amagda Pérez ’91, Supervising Attorney with the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic and Executive Director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF).

The event was part of a series of informational meetings and naturalization workshops presented during 2013 in the wake of the Obama administration’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) memorandum, which allows eligible undocumented immigrants who were brought into the United States before the age of 16 to apply for documentation to remain in the country and work legally. It was also a remarkable example of partnership in public service involving UC Davis School of Law and CRLAF, which co-sponsored the event, as well as groups including the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic, La Raza Law Students, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, and the Mexican Consulate of Sacramento, among others. More than 2,400 young immigrants and their families benefitted from the series of workshops that were part of this collaborative effort.

UC Davis School of Law participates in a range of partnerships with numerous public service law organizations, including longstanding relationships with CRLAF and Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), as well as strong affiliations with the East Bay Community Law Center, OneJustice, the Public Law Center in Orange County, and others.

“There is just a huge client need, and our students are a great resource for these organizations,” said Kirsten Hill ’04, Associate Director of Career Services and Public Interest Career Planning at King Hall, and a former director of CRLAF’s Citizenship and Immigration Project. “King Hall has, for as long as I can remember, had a lot of students who are interested in public service, and working with these organizations is a great way for them to develop legal skills and get hands-on experience, and at the same time help underserved communities.”

UC Davis School of Law has always drawn significant numbers of students interested in using legal education as a means to serve the poor and disenfranchised. Part of this is the Law School’s dedication to the ideals of social justice, equality, and public service espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
which dates back at least to 1969, when faculty, students, and staff succeeded in urging UC Davis administrators to name the Law School building after Dr. King. From the earliest years to the present, many students say that the School of Law's identification with Dr. King was a factor in their decision to come to Davis.

In addition, the King Hall faculty has always had a strong public service orientation, a tradition that continues under Dean Kevin R. Johnson, an internationally recognized scholar in the field of immigration law and policy, refugee law, and civil rights who has been strongly supportive of the Law School's public service mission. Accordingly, King Hall offers a Public Service Law Program, and about half of each graduating class typically earns certification.

King Hall also boasts an impressive infrastructure of organizations formed to support students with an interest in public service law, including the King Hall Legal Foundation (KHLF), National Lawyers Guild (NLG), Students United for Reform and Justice (SURJ), and the Humanitarian Aid Legal Organization (HALO), as well as other student organizations such as La Raza Law Students and the Law Students Association that have a strong public service component.

“Students are looking for community, and in organizations like the NLG, HALO, and SURJ, they find that community with others who are interested in social justice,” said Hill. “I think our student groups do a great job fostering that sense of community, and that plays a big role in the various partnerships that we have.”

UC Davis School of Law and the King Hall community also provide critical financial support for public interest law students. The King Hall Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), a groundbreaking UC Davis School of Law program that offers financial assistance to graduates working in public interest law, was the first of its kind established by any California public law school, and has recently been expanded to offer more loan repayment assistance to a wider range of recent graduates. KHLF, now in its third decade, also plays an important role, raising money each year to support summer public interest law fellowships.

“Most of these summer positions aren’t paid, so it’s vitally important that we have an organization like KHLF that provides fellowships so that students can afford to do this work,” said Hill. Additionally, King Hall long has been at the forefront of a trend toward experiential legal education that emphasizes the hands-on legal work in clinics and externships as an essential accompaniment to traditional classroom learning. The Immigration Law Clinic and Prison Law Clinic were founded more than three decades ago, and over the years the clinical programs have expanded to include the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic, Civil Rights Clinic, and the new California Supreme Court Clinic. The abundant opportunities offered by these programs are a significant draw for students with a passion for public service law, and approximately 60 students participate each academic year.

“In every class there are students who want to do community service and have a very strong commitment to social justice,” said Pérez. “Working in the clinics gives them the opportunity to do work that not only allows them to grow as lawyers but also has a very strong impact on the lives of the clients and in their community.”

LSNC Executive Director Gary Smith, who has taught Public Interest Law and Public Benefits seminars at King Hall for more than 15 years, said that partnering with UC Davis School of Law has significantly enhanced Legal Services of Northern California's ability to reach out to underserved communities.

“One of the most important and critical institutional relationships LSNC has established in our service area—benefiting countless clients as well as our organization itself over many years—is our relationship with King Hall,” said Smith. “Through the various programs, partnerships, collaborations and relationships we have forged, we not only have leveraged critical resources, but we have actively worked together towards a common goal of both institutions—to use the law as a force of positive social benefit in our society, and particularly on behalf of those individuals and communities who find it most difficult to obtain access to justice.”

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Smith offered numerous examples of partnerships between LSNC and UC Davis School of Law that have worked to benefit both organizations and the community. King Hall alumna Amy Williams ’05, Managing Attorney of LSNC-Health, manages the LGBT Legal Clinic at the Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Center, and King Hall students often work there under her supervision, he noted. LSNC has also worked with the Law School and the King Hall Health Law Association in working to establish formal partnerships with University of California free health clinics, and with Professor Lisa Pruitt and students in her Legal Ruralism course to help community groups bring information on the Affordable Care Act to low-income residents of Plumas County. Recently, LSNC was able to hire Paul Kim ’13 as a staff attorney, thanks to funding from the Mabie-Apallas chair endowment administrated by KHLF, said Smith.

In addition to Williams and Kim, numerous other King Hall alumni work or have worked for LSNC, including Carole Grossman ’80, Jan Turner ’85, John Gianola ’90, Lynn Martinez ’92, Gary Rhode ’93, Wankanok Usaha ’97, David Lipschutz ’99, Valerie Feldman ’00, Arthur Lipscomb ’02, Rogelio Villagran ’02, Tammi Wong ’03, Margaret Long (formerly Engelhardt) ’03, Emily Fisher ’04, Jennifer Hoffner ’04, Stacey Wittorf ’05, Kyanna Williams ’06, Sarah Ropelato ’07, Jennifer Smith ’07, Steliana Schmidel ’08, Deborah Gettleman ’09, Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi ’10, Rebecca Rabovsky ’10, Maryam Sayyed ’10, John Tan ’10, Liza Thrantron ’10, Theo Cuisson ’11, Oliver Ehlinger ’11, Lauren Carden ’11, and Melanie Young ’13.

Helping to enable this ongoing relationship is the close involvement of Dean Johnson, who has served on the LSNC Board of Directors since 1996 and as President of the Board since 2003. (Former King Hall Dean Rex Perschbacher, whom Dean Johnson credits for spurring his involvement with LSNC, was on the organization’s Board of Directors from 1990-96.)

As both a Supervising Attorney with the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic and Executive Director of CRLAF, Amagda Pérez is in a similar position to facilitate a productive partnership.

The daughter of immigrants, Pérez learned at an early age about the special needs of migrant workers and the immigrant community. She remembers watching border patrol agents chase workers through the pear orchards on the ranch near Kelseyville where she grew up, an experience that instilled in her a strong sympathy and a desire to help. As an undergraduate student at UC Davis, she would often assist farmworkers with their legalization paperwork when she returned home during the summers. She saw the enormous need for legal services among the immigrant community and decided to enroll at King Hall so that she could work with farmworker clients of the Immigration Law Clinic.

“Working in the Immigration Clinic was the best legal experience I had in law school,” she said. “It provided experiential learning opportunities that inspired and challenged all of us. We learned about client-centered lawyering, community lawyering, social justice, and public policy advocacy. We worked on cases that forced us to learn how to balance work, academics, and family. The skills I learned have carried me through my entire career as a public interest lawyer.”

After graduation, Pérez went to work for CRLA, focusing primarily on legalization, education, and labor cases. In 1994, the Immigration Law Clinic obtained a grant to hire a part-time staff attorney, and James Smith, founder and then-director of the Clinic, recruited Pérez. He convinced her that by taking the part-time role at the Clinic, she could keep her CRLA clients and could also teach King Hall students to become effective advocates for underserved immigrant populations.

Pérez took on the challenge, much to the benefit of Immigration Clinic students and their clients. It helped to generate a mutually advantageous partnership with CRLAF, where Pérez has been Executive Director since 1997.

“My dual role opened the door for us to develop a premier program that partners a law school clinical program

“King Hall has, for as long as I can remember, had a lot of students who are interested in public service, and working with these organizations is a great way for them to develop legal skills and get hands-on experience, and at the same time help underserved communities.”

- Kirsten Hill ’04, Associate Director of Career Services and Public Interest Career Planning at King Hall
For the past 19 years, we have been engaging in highly successful partnerships with the CRLA Foundation and other non-profit legal services organizations that provide students with optimal practical learning opportunities, hands-on live-client representation, and mentorship.

- Amagda Pérez ’91, Supervising Attorney, UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic and Executive Director, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation

with social justice organizations,” said Pérez. “For the past 19 years, we have been engaging in highly successful partnerships with CRLA Foundation and other non-profit legal services organizations that provide students with optimal practical learning opportunities, hands-on live-client representation, and mentorship. In partnership, the Clinic and legal services organizations provide more high quality legal services to underserved communities.”

“The partnership also opened the door for a number of exceptional clinic students to go work at CRLA, many of whom are project directors or litigation directors at CRLA and the CRLA Foundation,” she continued. “Equally important, this close relationship has helped enable the Immigration Clinic to partner with CRLA, CRLAF, and more recently the Mexican Consulate to provide greatly needed informational and legal services to underserved communities.”

Immigration Law Clinic alumni who work or have worked for CRLAF include Pérez, Hill, Jeff Ponting ’91, Mike Meuter ’92, Julia Montgomery ’96, Marien Sorensen ’97, Julie Turner-Lloveras ’99, Felix De La Torre ’99, Griselda Trujillo ’99, Dan Torres ’02, Santiago Avila-Gomez ’02, Adrian Lopez ’03, Jennifer Ambacher ’04, Fernando Aceves ’04, Erin Hernandez ’08, Shannon Going ’10, Amparo Cid ’10, and Esmeralda Soria ’11. Juan Cervantes ’05, Matt Cohen ’05, Gustavo Garcia ’05, Monica Ashiku ’08, and Rebeca Canales ’08 have worked for CRLAF as interns. Additionally, Pérez, Ponting, Meuter, Montgomery, Mona Badie ’04, Esmeralda Zendejas ’06, Elica Vafae ’11, Denise Mendez ’12, and Pearl Kan ’13 have worked for CRLA.

King Hall also has a strong connection with the Public Law Center (PLC), one of only two legal services organizations centered in Orange County, the sixth-largest county in the nation. The PLC is a pro bono law firm committed to providing access to justice for low-income communities, offering free civil legal services, including counseling, individual representation, community education, and strategic litigation and advocacy to challenge societal injustices. PLC attorneys include Director of Litigation Christian Abasto ’97, Ken Babcock ’81, and Monica Ashiku ’08. The PLC Board of Directors includes King Hall alumni Michael R. Williams ’97 and Robert Wolfe ’76.

The Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic enjoys a close partnership of a different sort with Verizon Wireless. The company has supported the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic with gifts made through its charitable Verizon Foundation and through Hopeline, Verizon’s cell phone recycling program that donates proceeds to domestic violence organizations. Steve Zipperstein ’83, formerly Verizon’s Vice President for Legal and External Affairs and now General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Research in Motion, was instrumental in forging the partnership, which has now resulted in more than $200,000 in support for the Clinic.

King Hall also enjoys ongoing relationships with public service organizations such as the East Bay Community Law Center, where students, faculty, staff, and alumni have worked on the Clean Slate program, which provides help with expunging criminal records, and OneJustice, where Errol Davis ’11 served as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellow during 2011-12 and Lauren Roberts ’12 was hired in the same capacity the following year. In 2013, Roberts was promoted to staff attorney, and when UC Davis School of Law HALO students applied to be part of OneJustice’s “Justice Bus” program, which provides legal services for California’s rural poor, she helped facilitate a trip to Yuba County, where students counseled parents on how best to secure educational services for their children.

All of these programs and partnerships are of tremendous benefit to underserved populations in California, Hill said, but they also serve another purpose: fostering strong links to UC Davis School of Law among students, faculty, and alumni.

“The clinical programs and our public service groups have a lot of alumni, and they do come back,” she said. “Alums who were volunteering to do public service work as students are now practicing attorneys, and they come back to supervise and train students at the clinics and workshops. People who come to King Hall wanting to serve underserved populations also usually want to reach out to students who are interested in doing that work, and willing to help pass their skills and experiences on to the next generation.”
Times are changing in Burma. The Southeast Asian nation, also known as Myanmar, is in the midst of a historic transition to democracy following a half century of repressive military rule, and Erin Webster-Main ’02 is in the middle of things, working as a Political Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Rangoon.

“It’s been tremendously helpful to have a background in law and a sense of what a functioning legal system looks like as we work with the Burmese on ways to help bring the legal system here more into line with international standards,” she said. “It’s a very exciting time to be here as all of these changes are taking place.”

Growing up in Larkspur, California, Webster-Main always had a belief in justice and social equality, and an opportunity to live in France for a year following high school got her thinking about how these ideals play out internationally. “It opened my eyes to what the rest of the world might be like, seeing a little sliver of it,” she said. “I was in Europe when the Berlin Wall fell, and that had an impact.”

Returning to the States, she enrolled at UC Davis, earning a double major in International Relations and French in 1994. Working as a translator for a local non-profit group, she became familiar with Mali and the West African nation’s vibrant culture, and decided to join the Peace Corps and ask for an assignment there. While working to help a group in Mali educate women about domestic violence laws, she realized she wanted to become a lawyer. “They were doing great work, teaching women about their rights and about how to use the law to prevent serious harm, and at that point I was determined to go to law school.”

Upon returning to the States, she enrolled at King Hall, along with her husband, Andrew Webster-Main ’02, whom she had met in Mali while Andrew was also on assignment with the Peace Corps. King Hall provided the Webster-Mains with a strong background in the basics of legal practice as well as experiences that fed their growing interest in international law. Most significantly, the couple received a Public Interest Grant from the Law School that enabled them to take part in summer internships at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania.

“We worked in the office of the prosecutor on the trials of military leaders who were accused of genocide in Rwanda,” she said. “It was a profound experience for us, as it would be for anyone, and it set us on a course of wanting to work in international law.”

After graduation, it became apparent that the U.S. Foreign Service offered the best opportunity for them to receive joint postings overseas. Their first assignment was to The Hague, where Erin worked in the Global Issues section, dealing with concerns related to human trafficking, narcotics, and terrorism. After two years, they were posted to Seoul, South Korea, where Erin did consular work. She took some time off to raise the couple’s young children, accompanying Andrew on his foreign service assignment in Amsterdam.

In 2010, the couple accepted a new assignment in Burma, and after a year of language training in Washington, D.C., they were off to Rangoon. They arrived to find a society in the midst of political and economic reforms, including the release of political prisoners, conclusion of ceasefire agreements with multiple armed groups, and new legislation allowing labor unions and the right to peaceful assembly. With Andrew working as head of the Consular Section in Rangoon and Erin overseeing the Embassy’s reporting on human rights, political parties, and religious freedom, the Webster-Mains were on hand for President Obama’s visit to Rangoon in 2012, a first for any sitting U.S. president.

“It’s an incredible time to be here, and we are so lucky that our assignment coincides with an unprecedented political opening,” said Erin Webster-Main. “I feel like I have the best job in the world.”
EMERITI FACULTY: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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John D. "Jack" Ayer

KING HALL COUNSELOR
Being a good lawyer requires much more than a mastery of the technical details of the law, Professor Emeritus John D. “Jack” Ayer explains. It takes foresight, stability, prudence, and practical wisdom—qualities that usually are learned only through life experience.

“The goal of law school is to try to compress that experience, under the guidance of good mentors, into three intense, inimitable years so you have the rest of your life to put those good insights to work,” said Ayer.

As one of King Hall’s most distinguished faculty members through more than three decades of teaching bankruptcy and commercial law, Ayer has served as a mentor to generations of students, many of whom are now national leaders in their fields. It’s an outcome Ayer probably couldn’t have anticipated when he began his professional life working as a reporter for the Louisville Times in Kentucky.

“As a reporter, I started meeting lawyers who were no smarter than I was but who were making 12 times more money,” Ayer recalled. “So I decided I ought to try to do something with my life, and I enrolled in law school.”

Ayer earned his J.D. at his undergraduate alma mater, University of Louisville, and went on to get an LL.M. from Yale University School of Law. There he was recruited by Edward L. Barrett, founding dean of UC Davis School of Law, and joined the faculty in the fall of 1969. Academia was a good fit for Ayer, who claims to suffer from “attention surplus disorder” and so enjoys being a student that he pursued a career in which he was never required to “get out of school.”

Besides, he made more money teaching law than as a reporter. “I’m the only person I know who went into teaching for the money,” he said.

After teaching for five years, he went to work for a boutique firm in Los Angeles, hoping to gain a better sense of the day-to-day practice of bankruptcy law. He returned to King Hall, then soon found himself recruited to return to Los Angeles as a U.S. bankruptcy judge, and took a leave of absence to serve in that position in 1983-84.

As a judge and as a member of the King Hall faculty (as well as a visiting professor at law schools including Stanford, Pennsylvania, Texas, NYU, and others) he served as a mentor to many leading bankruptcy lawyers and judges. One former clerk and student, Scott McNutt ’82, founder and principal of McNutt Law Group in San Francisco, organized the effort to honor Ayer’s legacy with the establishment of the John D. Ayer Bankruptcy Chair.

Today, Ayer lives in Chico with his wife Maryanne J. Bertram, pursuing “a pretty conventional retiree agenda of reading and travel,” he said. “Indeed perhaps the nicest thing about the freedom from the demands of living is that I can read any damn thing I want.”

He also writes a blog, Underbelly, as a kind of “Zen exercise” to keep his mind fresh and focused. (“I would be a happier, wiser, and better-read man if I spent more time reading and following links from Underbelly,” UC Berkeley economist Brad DeLong has written.)

“In some sense, I’m doing what I’ve always done,” Ayer said. “I’m scheduled to teach the Bankruptcy course next spring for what will be about the thirtieth time. This enthusiasm bewilders some people, but not other bankruptcy lawyers. They know that if you want to understand how a society works, you can learn by studying how it acts when things go wrong. And that teaches you what is needful for things to go right.”
There are not many attorneys who are also Catholic nuns, and not many nuns who have spoken at the Democratic National Convention and guested on 60 Minutes, The Daily Show, and The Colbert Report. But for Sister Simone Campbell, who is also a poet, author, lobbyist, the leader of the Catholic social justice organization NETWORK, and a proud member of the King Hall Class of 1977, the pieces all fit together in a life devoted to serving the poor and disenfranchised.

“I’m a person of faith, and for me faith is all about caring for the least, for those who are left out,” she said. “I am a Sister of Social Service, and my community was founded to do social work and address unmet social needs. For us, to live the gospel requires engagement in social problems and the political realm. The kind of work I do is probably not what people usually think of when they think about nuns, but it is our strength and our tradition.”

Born in Santa Monica, Campbell joined the Sisters of Social Service in 1964, taking her final vows in 1973. While working as a community organizer in Portland during the ’70s, she realized she needed a legal education in order to best serve underrepresented communities. UC Davis School of Law, with its strong commitment to public service, was her first choice.

“I was really captivated by the idea that Davis was named for Martin Luther King, Jr.,” she recalled. “There was a commitment to alternative legal practice and opportunities to focus on the needs of people in poverty, which is my life’s work, so it was a great match.”

As a law student she served as editor of the UC Davis Law Review, did legal aid work in the community, and served an externship working with the California Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife. Her years at King Hall were “an important time” that helped her to develop “a capacity to argue” and to “be strategic,” she said. Her King Hall years also resulted in a personal discovery that surprised her and sent her career in an unexpected direction.

“I learned that I loved to practice law,” she said. “What I thought I would do with my legal education was the kind of advocacy that I’m doing now. But at Davis, I realized I really liked practicing law, so that’s what I did initially.”

Campbell founded the Community Law Center in Oakland, practicing as the lead attorney there from 1978 until 1995, when she became general director of Sisters of Social Service, overseeing the religious community’s activities in the United States, Mexico, Taiwan, and the Philippines. She went on to serve as executive director of the interfaith advocacy group Jericho before assuming her present role as director of NETWORK in 2004.

In 2010, Campbell became a national celebrity as a result of the “nuns’ letter,” which she wrote in support of the Affordable Care Act. Fifty-nine different organizations, including the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, signed on, drawing widespread
media attention and prompting a controversy that included a Vatican investigation. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops incorrectly believed that the Act included funding for abortions, Campbell said.

“That’s why we were singled out for the honor of being criticized,” she said. “But as a person of faith, I believe this was just the Holy Spirit using this opportunity to stir up the nation and get us talking about people who are struggling at the margins of our society.”

During the summer of 2012, she led Nuns on the Bus, a NETWORK-organized tour of the United States in which sisters criticized federal budget cutbacks in services for the poor, again drawing criticism from the church hierarchy. She was invited to speak at the Democratic National Convention and became a regular interview subject for national media seeking perspectives on everything from Obamacare to Pope Francis.

In 2013, UC Davis School of Law invited Campbell to return to King Hall to deliver the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture on Social Justice. She spoke on October 29 to a packed Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, delivering a talk titled “We the People: The Challenging Intersection of Law & Politics,” which touched on income disparity, the Affordable Care Act, and other issues in calling for greater compassion and unity in American politics and social policy.

With her book, A Nun on the Bus, set to publish in April 2014, she continues to work with NETWORK on issues of immigration reform and healthcare. She views her celebrity as “really odd,” but sees it as a product of the “hunger” people feel for a greater sense of connection to each other and to society.

“I’ll keep doing this work as long as people feel the hunger,” she said.

Gary Solis ‘71 is highly in demand. A veteran of two tours of duty in Vietnam, Solis served as a Marine judge advocate, a court-martial judge, and the Head of the Marine Corps’ Military Law Branch in Washington, D.C. then taught for more than 20 years as at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he earned a reputation as a leading expert on the law of war. He could teach anywhere, but when UC Davis School of Law Dean Kevin R. Johnson invited him to return to King Hall as a visiting professor, “it was a dream come true,” said Solis.

“Not to be melodramatic, but this was something I had always wanted to do over the course of my entire career,” said Solis, who is one of more than 60 King Hall alumni who have returned to the School of Law to teach. Many, like Solis, have viewed teaching as an opportunity to reconnect with the King Hall community.

“I’ve said it many people, many times: I look back on my years at King Hall as three of the best years of my life,” said Solis. “There was a certain chemistry we had in those early years that was virtually imposed upon us by the circumstances. We felt like pioneers. We knew we were on the cusp of something important, and we developed a real sense of togetherness. Looking at King Hall today, I see that sense of community is still here, along with a faculty, facility, and student body that can hold their own with any law school in the country. Who wouldn’t want to return to that?”

Many King Hall alumni have felt the same. Space prohibits listing all the alumni who have returned as adjunct instructors, but a few examples include Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lawrence Brown ’89, Assistant United States Attorney Yoshinori Himel ’75, John McKinsey ’99 of Stoel Rives, Chief Administrative Law Judge and Executive Director for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board Alberto Roldan ’92, Kara Ueda ’00 of Best Best & Krieger, and Thomas Schuttish ’73, formerly Senior Tax Attorney at Chevron Corporation, to name a few.

Sacramento Superior Court Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie ’95, Presiding Judge of the county’s Juvenile Court, felt motivated by a desire to give back to the School of Law. “King Hall was wonderful to me, and having the collaboration and support I got from our professors, our dean, and the students as I was going through was very important to me. Returning to the Law School to teach was a great opportunity to give back,” she said.

Students also benefit when alumni who are experienced practitioners return to teach, said Boulware Eurie, who taught Legal Writing and Trial Practice. “In those kinds of courses, which are very practical and skill-oriented, I think the students are able to gain a different kind of insight from litigators who are practicing those skills on a daily basis,” said Boulware Eurie.

For Mary Martinelli ’86, partner at Downey Brand in Sacramento, returning to King Hall to teach Family Law, Family Law Mediation, and Community Property both served a need for students and also allowed her to proselytize for family law, her field of practice.

“I love my job, and I wanted to get the word out that this is a very complex, exciting, rewarding career,” she said. “And I think it had an effect, because a number of my students have gone on to become excellent family law attorneys.”

Martinelli said that teaching at King Hall brought her a new level of admiration for the Law School faculty. “It was very challenging to take what I do and make that into academic material, the quality of which would be acceptable at a leading university,” she said. “It gave me a new respect for the professors and the diligence that is required to teach at that level.”
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UC Davis announced the passage of the $1 billion mark on November 15, 2013, more than one year ahead of the original campaign end date of December 2014.

“This is an exciting day for our university and shows the enormity of what can be accomplished at UC Davis when we work together as one team,” said Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi. “This achievement would not have been possible without the involvement of our entire university community and the generosity of a very large network of strong supporters. I am thankful to each and every one of them for helping us reach our goal.”

The campaign will conclude May 31, 2014, by which time the School of Law seeks to raise an overall total of $20 million in support for student scholarships, faculty chairs and professorships, clinical programs, and other priorities.

Being a comprehensive fundraising campaign, the Campaign for UC Davis counts all gifts and pledges to every college, school, department and program across the university, including the School of Law. The King Hall community’s participation rate has been extraordinary. The School of Law achieved 100 percent participation from faculty, the Alumni Board of Directors, and the Dean’s Leadership Council, and a remarkable 46 percent of living alumni made gifts and pledges, raising more than $7.8 million.

In all, King Hall supporters made more than 8,395 gifts and pledges to support student scholarships, clinical programs, endowed chairs for outstanding faculty, and other priorities essential to King Hall’s ability to train the next generation of legal scholars. Among the many benefits for King Hall students, faculty, and staff are the completion of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project and the creation of 24 new student scholarships.

As the School of Law continues to work toward its ambitious campaign goals, continued support from alumni, faculty, and friends is needed. If you are interested in discussing a potential gift, please contact Karen Charney, Senior Director of Development (klcharney@ucdavis.edu or 530.752.6209).
A TOUCHING TRIBUTE:

The Megan Glanville Memorial Fund

Megan Glanville died on December 21, 2012. The 25-year-old King Hall student was one semester away from completing her legal education and well on her way to achieving her goal of working as a public defender when she was struck by a truck while jogging in Davis. Her family was devastated, but determined to honor her memory in a way that would help others achieve the dream that eluded Megan’s grasp.

“We wanted to do something that would be a tribute to the memory of my daughter, and I couldn’t think of anything that would be better than to create a scholarship in her name that would help other students attain what she was not quite able to get to,” said her father, Brad Glanville, a professor of Child Development at California State University, Chico. “Education was important to her, and to her mother, and it’s obviously important to me. The scholarship is a reflection of the importance education has for all of us.”

Brad Glanville, together with his wife Kris Zappettini, Kathy Glanville, Megan’s mother, and Paul Zappettini ’80, Megan’s uncle, created the Megan Glanville Memorial “MEG” Fund to provide a scholarship to support a student of high academic caliber and athletic ability.

Megan Glanville certainly lived up to that description. An avid distance runner, she was a member of the Wolf Pack Running Club and frequently participated in competitive events. She was also a member of the Equestrian Team at the University of California, San Diego, where she excelled in her studies, graduating Cum Laude in International Studies in 2009 and winning election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Megan Glanville also excelled as a student at UC Davis School of Law, where she was an active member of the King Hall community. During her first year, she was honored for her work in Criminal Procedure with the Witkin Award for Academic Excellence. Between her first and second years, she interned with the Office of the State Public Defender in Sacramento, and the next summer, she interned with the San Diego County Public Defender’s Office. She had plans to apply for a Post Bar Clerkship that would have put her in prime position to achieve her dream of working as a public defender in San Diego.

Although Megan Glanville was unable to complete her law degree and achieve her career goals, her legacy lives on in the Megan Glanville Scholarship Fund, which recently was awarded to Hayes Hyde ’15. An excellent athlete and scholar, Hyde earned a degree in Environmental Studies in 2012 from Yale University, where she was a four-year varsity swimmer. She plans to use her King Hall degree to practice environmental law and eventually work in policy making.

Hyde said that she is honored to be the first recipient of the Glanville fund scholarship, and that she appreciates both the financial support she has received and the opportunity to meet Megan Glanville’s extended family.

“I think that losing a child is probably one of the hardest, if not the hardest thing a person can go through,” Hyde said. “For them to take that experience and turn it into something positive is incredibly admirable. I’m very grateful for the scholarship and to have the opportunity to get to know them.”
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As the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic's first Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Fellow, Jihan Kahssay '12 is doing inspiring work, but it's her clients who are truly inspirational, the recent King Hall graduate said.

Thanks to the generosity of Nancy S. Coan Torres ’86 and Michael A. Torres, who funded the DACA Fellowship, Kahssay is working with “dreamers,” undocumented young people who were brought to the United States as children. As a group, their activism has helped spur the passage of the California DREAM (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) Act and the launch of the Obama administration’s DACA program, as well as other measures expanding the rights of undocumented immigrants, Kahssay said.

“In this fellowship, I’m working with a population of clients who are extremely motivated and incredibly intelligent,” she said. “The law basically declined to acknowledge their existence, so they worked to make their presence known, and changed the law. They see their dreams, and they see beyond the limitations of the law, and they’re inspiring me to see that way, as well.”

As a law student, Kahssay worked for the Immigration Law Clinic, Legal Services of Northern California, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Ethiopia, where she assisted refugees in their efforts to resettle.

Now, as the DACA Fellow, she is able to assist “dreamers” seeking work permits and educational access, participate in community workshops on the DACA program, and collaborate with groups across the UC Davis campus to provide outreach and resources for undocumented students.

“The Clinic has helped thousands of qualified immigrants through the DACA program, but there are many more young people who can be helped with additional support for its staff and operations,” said Nancy Coan Torres. “We are proud to be able to support the Clinic through the DACA Fellowship.”
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FEBRUARY 7, FRIDAY
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FEBRUARY 21, FRIDAY
Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy Symposium
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MARCH 13, THURSDAY
Distinguished Teaching Award
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APRIL 25, FRIDAY
Public Service Graduation
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