During the year three new Global Law Talks were added to the series of brief 20- to 30-minute interviews with faculty and guests on a variety of international and comparative law topics. They were:

“A Conversation” with William C. Jones and John Haley

“A Conversation on the Canadian Supreme Court” with Justice John Major and John Drobak

“Another Look at Judicial Reform in Mexico” with Dale Furnish and John Haley
LL.M. program

Celebrating the LL.M. Program
Michele Shoresman, Assistant Dean - Graduate and Joint Degree Programs

The LL.M. program in U.S. Law welcomes practicing attorneys from all over the world; this year we had students from all five continents. The LL.M. program is a challenging educational experience that most students thoroughly enjoy.

The LL.M. in U.S. Law is a one-year, twenty-credit master’s degree in law. One course is required, a four-credit Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Methods. With respect to the course, as Gyeong Ho Um (Korea) ’05 observed, “Legal research, drafting a legal memo, and writing a brief were really hard, but they absolutely helped me to achieve my goals here ... your approach was really practical and effective.” LL.M. candidates are otherwise free to select courses in the regular J.D. curriculum. LL.M. candidates may also participate in a Judicial Observation Program. Students can spend six weeks observing the workings of the courthouse – from opening arguments to closing arguments and from pretrial motions to sentencing. The students write memoranda and orders for the judge and develop skills that will be useful in future practice.