WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW HAS HIRED six new faculty members whose expertise ranges from race law and feminist jurisprudence, to tax law, comparative law and economics, Chinese law, and free speech.

“We are delighted to have hired six outstanding faculty members whom we are confident will make great contributions to our law school community,” says Kent Syverud, dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “Their teaching and scholarship represent areas of interest to us in our planning process, as we continue our work on other strategic hires for 2008–09.”

CHERYL D. BLOCK, who was a visiting professor in 2006–07, joined the law school as a tenured member of the faculty in 2007–08. An expert in tax law and federal budget policy, she teaches courses in Corporate Taxation, Federal Income Tax, Legislation, and Tax Policy.

From 1985–2007, Block was on the faculty of the George Washington University Law School, where she received a Distinguished Faculty Service Award. She began her academic career at the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law.

Block is the author of Corporate Taxation: Examples & Explanations (Aspen Law & Business, 3rd ed., 2004). She has written numerous articles on taxation, public policy relating to federal bailouts, social choice theory, and federal budget policy.

Her pro bono activities have included serving as vice president of Literacy Volunteers of America–National Capital Area and volunteering with the St. Louis Ready Readers program.

After receiving her JD from the State University of New York at Buffalo, she clerked for Judge
Kevin Thomas Duffy of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. She also was an associate at Lord, Day & Lord in New York City, practicing in the tax area. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York and before the United States Tax Court and the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

ADRIENNE DAVIS joined the law school faculty in January 2008 as the William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law. Her scholarship emphasizes the gendered and private law dimensions of American slavery. She also does work on race and feminist theory. She teaches Contracts, Trusts & Estates; Slavery, Law & Literature; and Feminist Theory.

Prior to joining the faculty, Davis served as the Reef C. Ivey II Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina, where she was awarded the Frederick B. McCall Award for Teaching Excellence. Additionally, she was a professor and co-director of the Gender, Work & Family Project at Washington College of Law, American University.

Davis is a distinguished lecturer with the Organization of American Historians. She is past chair of the Law and Humanities Section of the Association of American Law Schools and has been on the editorial boards of Law and History Review and Journal of Legal Education. She is the co-author of the book, Privilege Revealed: How Invisible Preference Undermines America (NYU Press), as well as numerous articles and book chapters. Davis has received two grants from the Ford Foundation and was a resident fellow at the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Study and Conference Center.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Davis clerked for Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

GERRIT DE GEEST joined the faculty as a professor of law in 2007–08 from Utrecht University in the Netherlands, where he was a professor of law and economics. He teaches Comparative Law, Jurisprudence, and Law & Economics.

Past president of the European Association of Law and Economics, he is a member of the European Group on an Integrated Contract Law and of the Economic Impact Group of the Common Principles of European Contract Law.

De Geest is co-editor of the Review of Law and Economics and consultant editor of the European Review of Contract Law. He has published widely in the fields of economic analysis of contract law, tort law, and comparative law. His numerous books include his co-edited volume on Comparative Law and Economics (Edward Elgar 2004) and his co-edited Encyclopedia of Law and Economics (Edward Elgar 2000).

De Geest is presently working on a commissioned anthology for Edward Elgar on The Economics of Comparative Law and a paper on “Specific Performance vs. Damages: Comparative Law and Economics” for the Common Principles of European Contract Law project of the Economic Impact Group. He received his JD, ME, and PhD, all from Ghent University.

GREGORY MAGARIAN will join the faculty as a professor of law in summer 2008 from Villanova University, where he has served on the law faculty since 1999. He focuses his scholarship and teaching on free speech, the law of politics, and law and religion. Magarian teaches Constitutional Law, First Amendment, Legislation, and Speech, Press & the Constitution.

He is the author of numerous articles on constitutional law issues. His recent scholarship includes “Substantive Media Regulation in Three Dimensions,” George Washington Law Review (forthcoming); “The Jurisprudence of Colliding First Amendment Interests: From the Dead End of Neutrality to the Open Road of Participation-Enhancing Review,” Notre Dame Law Review; and “Market Triumphalism, Electoral Pathologies, and

After receiving his MPP and JD from the University of Michigan, he clerked for Judge Louis Oberdorfer of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and then for Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States. Subsequently, he worked as an associate at Jenner & Block in Washington, D.C., specializing in constitutional and antitrust litigation.

CARL MINZNER joined the law school faculty as an associate professor in 2007–08. His research focuses on Chinese law and politics. He teaches Property and Introduction to Chinese Law.

Before joining the law school faculty, Minzner served as an International Affairs Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he researched Chinese legal reforms and the Sino–United States relationship. He also was a senior counsel on the Congressional–Executive Commission on China, in Washington, D.C., where he advised Congress, executive agencies, and NGOs on Chinese human rights and rule of law issues, as well as managed an internship program of law and university students. Additionally, Minzner served as a Yale–China Legal Education Fellow at the Xibei Institute of Politics and Law in Xi’an.

Minzner practiced intellectual property law at McCutchen & Doyle in Palo Alto, California, and clerked for Judge Raymond Clevenger III of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He received a joint JD/MIA degree from Columbia University.

His published works analyze citizen petitioning institutions in China and reforms to the regulations governing Chinese civil society organizations.

ADAM ROSENZWEIG joined the law school faculty in 2007–08 as an associate professor. He concentrates his research and teaching in the area of tax law and policy. He is teaching Federal Income Tax, International Business Transactions, and International Tax.

Rosenzweig previously was a visiting assistant professor at Northwestern University School of Law. He also was an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York, where he focused on federal income tax law, specializing in the areas of private equity and hedge funds, equity derivatives, and cross-border capital markets, and organized a monthly CLE program on the taxation of financial products.

He is the co-author of *Problems and Materials in Federal Income Taxation* (Aspen Publishing, 7th ed., forthcoming), and is the author of articles and book chapters on domestic and international tax law and policy issues. He has presented his scholarship at several national and international tax conferences and forums, including a recent presentation at the International Law Association’s International Law Weekend in New York.

Rosenzweig received his JD from Georgetown University and his LLM in taxation from New York University. He clerked for Judge James L. Dennis of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.