HONORING PROFESSOR WILLIAM JONES


Jones has worked in the area of Chinese and comparative law for more than 35 years. His major contributions include his translation into English of the Da Qing Lu Li or The Great Qing Code, which is the code of law from China’s last imperial dynasty, and Minfa Tongzi or Basic Principles of Civil Law in China, which is the civil code for the People’s Republic of China. One of the first Western legal scholars to study and teach in China, he is also the author of numerous articles on Chinese and comparative law topics.

In the law review, William P. Alford, the Henry L. Stimson Professor of Law and director of East Asian Legal Studies at Harvard Law School, notes Jones’ extraordinary accomplishment of translating the Chinese legal codes. But he also says that Jones’ introductory essays accompanying the translations are remarkable, referring to Jones’ “piercing insight situating the work both in Chinese history and legal history beyond China.”

Alford continues, “This undertaking, which drew richly upon an understanding of Western legal history unparalleled by scholars of China, has had the desired impact of making these works accessible to a far broader swath of scholars than the small community of specialists in Chinese legal studies, even as it has markedly advanced interchange in that community.”

The edition also features articles by attorney Chien-Chang Wu on the legal treatment of mental infirmity during the Qing dynasty; Stanley Lubman, University of California at Berkeley, on the study of Chinese law in the United States from 1970 to present; Donald Clarke, University of Washington, on the effects that accession to the World Trade Organization would have on China’s legal system and legal culture; Frances Foster, Washington University in St. Louis, on the potentially negative effects that China’s new trust law would have on its distinctive inheritance system; Alison Conner, University of Hawai, on her experience researching Chinese legal history; Randall Peerenboom, University of California at Los Angeles, on Western analyses of the prospect of the rule of law in China; and Pitman Potter, University of British Columbia, on the Chinese legal system’s response to globalization.

Jones was an obvious choice for the tribute edition, according to Kenneth C. Wu, editor-in-chief of the law review. “In Chinese law, Professor Bill Jones is recognized by colleagues in the field as a pioneer and was thus the ideal dedicatee,” Wu says. “From communications with the authors, one cannot underestimate the appreciation people have for Professor Jones. In addition to having the utmost respect for his scholarship, they love him and appreciate his kindness and generosity.”

SHARING RESEARCH ELECTRONICALLY

School of Law faculty members working on research papers are electronically disseminating their working drafts to colleagues nationally and internationally. Through the online Social Science Research Network (SSRN), the School has created the Washington University Law School Public Law and Legal Theory research paper series. The electronic journal showcases some of the interesting and diverse research that faculty members are conducting while allowing faculty to gain valuable feedback from colleagues.

The series received more than 300 downloads of faculty papers in the first week of May 2003 alone, which was the first week this electronic journal was posted. Topics range from administrative law and judicial remedies to ethical considerations and legal clinics, terrorism and the rule of law, refugees and asylum, and patent law reform.

The papers can be accessed directly through the SSRN Web site at www.ssrn.com/srn/index.html by clicking on “Journals” in the index on the left of the page and then selecting Washington University’s journal near the bottom of the next page.

Alumni or friends wishing to subscribe to the series may do so by e-mailing Ann Nicholson at anicholson@wulaw.wustl.edu. The journal is updated regularly.

SSRN’s Legal Scholarship Network also disseminates faculty articles through various subject-related journals. A more extensive list of faculty working papers is available through the School’s Web site: law.wustl.edu/Academics/Faculty/Workingpapers/index.html.
COURT OF APPEALS HOLDS A SPECIAL SESSION

Judges Morris S. Arnold, Pasco M. Bowman, and William J. Riley presided over a special session of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on March 12, 2003, in the Bryan Cave Moot Courtroom of Anheuser-Busch Hall. The judges heard oral arguments in three cases dealing with the constitutionality of restrictions on the sale of video games, liability in a rape case, and a claim of a hostile work environment. Following the special session, the judges answered general procedural questions from the audience.

The first case, Interactive Digital Software Association et al. v. St. Louis County, Missouri, arose out of a county ordinance restricting retailers from selling violent and sexually explicit video games to unaccompanied minors under the age of 17. The creators, publishers, and distributors of the video games sought to have the trial court’s sua sponte granting of summary judgment to the defendants overturned. The appellants requested the court to find the video games to be protected under the First Amendment and the ordinance to be both unconstitutional and insufficient for strict scrutiny.

As part of Legal Research and Writing, a majority of the School’s first-year law students drafted an appellate brief based on this first case. “Representing” either Interactive Digital Software Association or St. Louis County, students based their briefs on a portion of the actual record, as well as a closed packet of selected case law and other authorities. They also participated in their own oral arguments on the case a week before the Eighth Circuit session, and then they heard the actual oral arguments.

In the court’s second case, Emilie Ostrander v. Delta Tau Delta, et al., Ostrander claimed that she was raped by a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house in 1998. She brought suit against the fraternity for violations of the Missouri premises liability law, against the University of Missouri for violations of Title IX, and against members of the fraternity for battery, as well as negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

In Margaret E. Dattoli v. Anthony J. Principi, the appellant brought charges of sexual harassment by creation of a hostile work environment in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. She also claimed discrimination on the basis of her throat disorder in violation of the Rehabilitation Act. She sought retaliation against her employer, Veterans Affairs.

Honoring Academic Excellence

CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE RANKINGS

The School of Law is again tied for 25th in rankings by the U.S. News & World Report, which represents the School’s historically highest ranking. Overall, the School’s ranking among the 170 or so accredited law schools in the survey has risen from 32nd in 1998 to 29th in 1999, 27th in 2000, and 25th in 2001 and 2002.

When the most recent rankings are disaggregated, the School has made progress on several fronts. Faculty reputation achieved its highest historical ranking, 22nd in this survey, as did reputation among lawyers and judges, which ranked 25th this time compared to 32nd in 2001.

The School also received significant rankings in several specialty areas. The clinical program ranked 6th in the nation; the trial and advocacy program, 17th; and the international law program, 20th.

International Women’s Day

In conjunction with International Women’s Day, the School of Law and the Women’s Law Caucus honored (from the left) former United States Senator Jean Carnahan; her daughter, Robin Carnahan; Jane Aiken, professor of law; and Ann Davis Shields, senior lecturer in law.

2003 Public Service Awards

Denise Lieberman (left), legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri, and Ebony Woods, JD ’03, received the 2003 School of Law Public Service Awards. ACLU of Eastern Missouri was recognized as the Public Service Employer of the Year, and Woods was named Public Service Law Student of the Year.
2003–04 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SPEAKERS SERIES ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE: THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF LAWYERS

September 3, 2003
Gerald Early, the Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters in Arts & Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, received the Whiting Foundation Writer’s Award. His publications include The Sammy Davis, Jr. Reader; The Culture of Bruising: Essays on Literature, Prizefighting, and Modern American Culture; Daughters: On Family and Fatherhood; and Lure and Loathing: Essays on Race, Identity, and Ambivalence of Assimilation.

September 10, 2003
Lee C. Bollinger, president of Columbia University and professor of law, clerked for Chief Justice Warren Burger of the Supreme Court of the United States. He is the author of Eternally Vigilant: Free Speech in the Modern Era and Images of a Free Press. Former president and former law dean at the University of Michigan, he was a respondent in two affirmative action cases before the Supreme Court, Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger. The lecture will be in Graham Chapel in conjunction with Washington University’s Assembly Series.

November 13, 2003
Amy Chua, professor of law, Yale University, is the author of World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability. She is a past consultant to the American Bar Association, Section of International Law and Practice, Central and East European Law Initiative.

January 21, 2004
Theodore M. Shaw, associate director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., is a former trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice. He co-authored briefs for the defendant-intervenors in Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger.

January 28, 2004
Susan M. Williams, shareholder in Williams & Works PA, an Indian and woman-owned law firm in Corrales, New Mexico, is a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation. She successfully argued the Big Horn case, Wyoming v. United States, before the Supreme Court of the United States. She serves on several boards of directors and national advisory committees on state-tribal relations, resource development, and environmental protection.

February 18, 2004
Harry T. Edwards is circuit judge and chief judge emeritus of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

February 26, 2004
Martha L. Minow, professor of law, Harvard University, and former member of the Independent International Commission on Kosovo, is the co-author or editor of Engaging Cultural Differences: The Multicultural Challenge in Liberal Societies; Imagine Coexistence: Restoring Humanity after Violent Ethnic Conflict; and Breaking the Cycles of Hatred: Memory, Law, and Repair.

March 4, 2004
Herma Hill Kay, the Barbara Nachtrieb Armstrong Professor of Law and Boalt Hall dean emerita, University of California at Berkeley, is past president of the Association of American Law Schools. She has been named among the 50 most influential female lawyers nationally by the National Law Journal. Kay is co-reporter of the Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act and author of Conflict of Laws.

March 19, 2004
James W. Ellis is the keynote speaker for the School of Law’s conference on “Justice, Ethics, and Interdisciplinary Teaching and Practice.” (See page 27.)

April 2, 2004
Elizabeth Warren is the Donald P. Gallop Keynote Speaker for the School of Law’s F. Hodge O’Neal Corporate and Securities Law Symposium. (See page 28.)

Unless otherwise noted, the lectures are held in Anheuser-Busch Hall. Each program is eligible for MCLE credit. For more information, visit law.wustl.edu.