It is exciting to see our association growing and attracting new members. Forty-one percent of registrants at our recent annual meeting at Carleton were graduate students. Our graduate student board members have put together stimulating workshops at our annual meetings with the generous support of the Law Foundation of Ontario and they have recently launched a Facebook page. We anticipate building on these developments and thinking about new ways to support and develop our early career colleagues.

Another significant trend is the level of interest in organizing thematic streams of panels at our annual meeting. Members have organized streams of panels on, for example, gender, law, and sexuality, critical criminology, and legal history. I am interested in hearing from our membership about whether it would be useful for the CLSA to develop something analogous to the collaborative research networks which are part of the Law & Society Association (LSA) structure. At the same time, the intimate, informal, and collegial nature of our meetings is something that many of us value and want to preserve.

Perhaps we could provide some limited institutional support for ongoing initiatives by scholars who share particular research interests while, at the same time, continuing to provide a broader umbrella under which scholars with diverse interests can interact and share ideas.

All of these developments mean that communication with our membership is more important than ever. With that in mind, I am delighted to announce that our new and much improved website, developed by Rebel Trail Web Solutions under the leadership of our Secretary, Dawn Moore, will be launched within the next month. In addition to providing more information which will be updated more often, the new website will provide an easy way for you to renew your membership online. I do not want to dwell on bad news, but our membership numbers are down in 2009 (despite our growth in participation at the annual meeting) and I have heard from many of you about your frustrating experiences trying to renew your membership with our existing processes. I am pleased that we will be able to put those difficulties behind us and I urge you to renew your membership as soon as the new site is up. Stay tuned for the e-mail announcement.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting next June (2nd-4th) at Concordia University. We are pleased to be returning to Montréal — this time with the Congress — and we anticipate another rich feast for both the intellect and the body! Until then,

Debra Parkes
Editor's Note

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new editor of the CLSA Bulletin. My thanks to Kimberly White for making this transition as smooth as possible, and to Sana Affara for her time and tremendous expertise in helping me to put this together and to imagine what else we may do with a newsletter. I also want to express my appreciation to Dominique Nanoff for her assistance with French translation. Finally, my thanks to all the members who sent in your news, announcements, and reports. In addition to the President's Report (on the front cover), in this Fall Bulletin you will find the table of contents for the next Canadian Journal of Law and Society, guest edited by Lorne Sossin and Anna Pratt, a report from the Graduate Students, including information about their new Facebook page, information about the upcoming Mid-winter meeting at York University, February 5-6, an impressive list of new publications since the last bulletin, and much more.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in communicating our news and business. Please do let me know if you have ideas or suggestions for future Bulletins.

Amanda Glasbeek

Update on the Federation of Law Societies’ Report on Legal Education

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is anticipating the final report of its Task Force on the Accreditation of Canadian Law Degrees early this fall. Many CLSA members offered countless hours, incredible energy, and hard work in developing the brief submitted jointly with the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) to the Task Force about the problems potentially posed by increased professional regulation over legal education. Informed sources suggest that our carefully-argued brief has not significantly altered the ultimate recommendations that the Task Force will make shortly. While the list of “mandatory competencies” being set forth may have altered slightly, it seems that there will be a new list of compulsory requirements, and an oversight process to supervise and enforce the new rules.

The Federation has no implementation authority for any of its rules until it receives agreement from each provincial law society. Consequently, once the Task Force Report is made public, the arena of debate will shift to the Law Societies in each province. If some of the Law Societies can be convinced to step back from the Task Force’s problematic recommendations, the whole process might go back to the drawing board for more reflective and evidence-based analysis.

At this stage we would recommend the following:

1) Watch for the release of the Task Force Report, which we will post to the CLSA website as soon as it becomes available

2) Working groups should be established in each province to lobby against the approval of the Task Force recommendations at the level of the provincial law society.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Federation’s Final Report has since been received. See acds-clsa.org for a further update.
Graduate student information

The CLSA members and Board strongly value graduate student participation in Association activities and conferences. To that end, graduate students from multiple disciplines engaging in socio-legal scholarship are encouraged, including offering some funding support, to participate in the CLSA annual meeting, to present papers and chair panels at the annual Conference, and to submit articles to the Journal of Law and Society.

Every year we elect one of two of the Graduate Student Representatives who hold a two-year term. Suzanne Bouclin (PhD candidate, McGill) has been a Grad Rep since 2008 and Mary Stokes (PhD candidate, Osgoode) was elected at the CLSA conference held at Carleton University in May 2009. Mary is replacing Nicole O’Byrne. Nicole has recently joined the Law faculty at the University of New Brunswick; we offer her our congratulations and thanks for her contribution to the Association on behalf of all graduate students members.

With financial assistance from the Association - and this year especially from the Law Foundation of Ontario - grad reps organize a social event exclusively for grad students. Participants this year were especially impressed by the opportunities to socialize with other graduate students and professors at the informal supper and the tailored workshops that were designed to address questions posed by students at last year’s workshop.

This year’s graduate workshop emphasized three areas of interest: how to give effective conference presentations; how, where and when to publish; and academic job hunting. All three sessions were productive and well attended. For those who could not make it (and those who would like their memories refreshed), here are some highlights.

Conference Presentation

Richard Weisman reminded students of the importance of conference talks as a crucial part of the process of academic professionalization. Importantly, they are a means of getting meaningful feedback on ideas at various stages of development. Diane Crocker suggested that presenters make one main point to be further nuanced and enriched throughout the talk. She added that it can often be useful to end a talk with a series of open-ended questions. Mariana Valverde indicated that too complex theoretical overviews can distract from the overall flow of a talk. When theory is an integral part of a talk, she suggested that it be included at the end, rather than the beginning. She believes that presentations should be entertaining, unlike job talks, which she feels should be serious.

Publishing

Dawn Moore gave several practical pointers on the publishing process: it is important to write a good abstract and covering letter; it is key to have others read draft versions; you should always make sure you fit the journal’s mandate; your article should highlight with which theorists you are in conversation; and make sure your paper follows journal-specific publishing guidelines. Christiane Wilke explained that book reviews are an excellent way to beginning a publishing career. To her, an excellent book review is one that provides context for the book within existing literature, explains how readers from various disciplines might be interested in the book, and does not artificially criticize the author’s work.

Finding Academic Positions

Shauna Van Praagh explained that the job talk is a misnomer; it is neither just a talk, nor is it solely aimed at getting a job. Instead, the job talk is an opportunity for us to present ideas, to illustrate scholarly creativity, to demonstrate pedagogical philosophies, and to give the faculty an idea of how you would ‘fit in’ to the existing faculty. She also gave students a number of practical tips such as to know and respect your audience (but do not overly design your talk in response to a particular expert on the panel), wear a watch, go easy on the caffeine, not to have spillable drinks near your papers while talking, and (though it may seem hard) try to relax and enjoy yourself.
CLSA Graduate Workshop

Next year’s line-up will be equally promising. Topics will range from the ethical, practical, and theoretical. We would like to invite speakers to discuss the following: choosing/changing a supervisor/committee, applying for post-docs, teaching effective seminars and lectures, the relationship between pedagogy and activism, how to develop a teaching portfolio and integrating new media technologies in classrooms. We also plan to have a theoretical session in which an invited lecturer will present her or his work-in-progress or published piece with which graduate students will be invited to critical engage.

It is our sincere hope graduate students will continue to be involved in this planning process. CLSA Graduate Students’ Workshops are designed for and by graduate students. Help us make 2010 Graduate workshops especially outstanding this year, offer your suggestions as to speakers or topics, and get involved directly as next year’s student representative. Please note that elections for the Graduate Rep (2010-2012) will take place in May. Contact us if you have comments or want additional information: atelierlawandsociety@yahoo.com

We now have a facebook page: Clsa-acdsGraduateStudents

We look forward to seeing you in the spring!

Suzanne Bouclin and Mary Stokes, CLSA Graduate Students’ Representatives

Canadian Journal of Law and Society

Editor’s Report

We are happy to report that things are going very well at the association journal. Dawn Moore has stepped down as managing editor and is enjoying a well-deserved sabbatical; her Carleton colleague Christiane Wilke has replaced her and the transition has been very smooth, in part because Sue Gemmell continues to provide the journal with top-notch administrative assistance. Christiane, formerly English-language book review editor, has in turn been replaced by Ummni Khan. France Houle continues to serve as French book-review editor, working with the French-language editor, Michel Coutu.

We have two very positive announcements to make to the membership. First, we have decided to form a new international advisory board, in line with the practice at many other scholarly journals. We are happy to say that Eve Darian-Smith, Ngaire Naffine, Pierre Guibentif, and Liora Israel, whose names are no doubt familiar to many of you, were all very happy to accept our request. And this is no mere honour. Eve is already writing a book review for us and Liora has been very helpful in widening our reviewer base and making our journal better known in France. Congratulations to Dawn Moore for having managed this process. We are also beginning to get more international submissions than has been the case in the past, and we hope our international advisors will help along that process.

The second announcement concerns upcoming special issues that we think will be of great interest. One special issue, now just going to press, gathers together empirical studies of the workings of discretion, in both administrative and policing contexts. This was edited jointly by Anna Pratt and Lorne Sossin. The collaboration of a legal scholar and a social scientist was important in generating a wide-ranging set of studies -- see table of contents reprinted below.

Mariana Valverde
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The program committee of the Canadian Law & Society Association invites submissions for the 2010 annual meeting of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences to be held June 2-4, 2010 at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec. We welcome proposals for papers in any area of law and society scholarship. We encourage participants to submit suggestions for complete panels and round tables, but also welcome individual submissions. Please include a panel theme, paper titles, and abstracts of up to 250 words, along with your technological needs and full institutional affiliations and contact information for each presenter. If you are willing to participate as a panel chair, please indicate this on your submission. Streams of panels on particular themes are also welcome. Past streams have focused on, for example, gender and sexuality or indigenous legal knowledge. This year Nicolas Carrier and Bastien Quirion are organizing a bilingual stream focusing on critical criminology (for more information, please contact nicolas.carrier@carleton.ca or see next page).

Early expressions of interest are encouraged; the deadline for proposals is January 29, 2010. Please forward your panel and paper proposals, as well as any questions or comments you may have, to the Chair of the CLSA program committee, Mélanie Méthot, at mmethot@ualberta.ca.

Information on conference registration, accommodation and other Congress activities will be found at www.congress2010.ca and in the registration guide to be mailed in January.
2010 Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
Call for Papers

Critical Criminology in Canada: Legacies, Challenges, Possibilities

Today, Canadian scholars preoccupied by crime related issues can benefit from a rich and important legacy of research in critical criminology. In contradistinction to mainstream criminology, work conducted within this tradition is characterized by a will to maintain the researchers’ independence from institutions of control, as well as by its distance from the objects and categories of thought generated by those institutions. Although critical criminological work is highly diversified and cannot be ensnared in a close and homogeneous space, it is typically federated by a commitment to social justice and politically engaged research.

For the coming Canadian Law & Society Association annual meeting, we are organizing a stream on Canadian critical criminology. Our goal is to gather Canadian scholars working within this tradition to share and discuss our research activities and reflections. This meeting is also organized for us to look back at the legacies of critical criminology in Canada, and to stimulate discussions on the origins, evolution and futures of this research tradition. We invite interested scholars to come to debate the contemporary role of critical criminology, in social sciences as well as in the politics of crime control. How has critical criminology evolved over the past four decades? Should we define critical criminology by a political and epistemological stance that would be proper to it? What is critical criminology’s place in today’s Canadian research institutions? How are we to use critical work within and outside academia? How can critical criminology influence penal policies and practices? Is this influence the criteria that should be used to evaluate critical criminology? What is the role of its proponents in the public and political spheres? Should we rethink our theoretical foundations and methodological practices? What are the challenges and obstacles to the development of a new critical criminology? Many more questions could be addressed, which may lead to a collective discussion on the potential relevance of establishing and nurturing a network of critical criminologists in Canada. In order to reflect the cultural and political diversity proper to the Canadian intellectual landscape, we have opted for a model of bilingual panels.

Scholars interested should submit their proposals before February 15, 2010 to: nicolas_carrier@carleton.ca. Please include an abstract of up to 250 words, paper title, along with full institutional affiliations and contact information. Please also indicate if you are willing to participate as a panel chair.

Elise Chenier, recipient of Honourable Mention for the 2008 CLSA Book Prize and Richard Weisman, Chair of the Book Prize Committee
The CLSA mid-winter organizing committee (Kimberley White, Amanda Glasbeek, Miriam Smith, Richard Weisman) invites everyone to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting, February 5-6. A finalized version of the agenda will be posted on the Association Website in December. Below is a draft agenda, and information about accommodations (at York and in downtown Toronto).

Please confirm your attendance by emailing Kimberley White (kjwhite@yorku.ca) by December 15, and indicate if you are interested in participating in one of the sessions. If you would like to present a paper (which may allow you to make a claim for conference travel), please indicate a working title to be listed in the program.

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Announcements

1. New Website

A new History of Madness in Canada / Histoire de la folie au Canada Website http://www.historyofmadness.ca/ was launched October 31st, 2009. Established by a collective of researchers and educators from across the social sciences, this unique site has been created to enhance critical thinking, heritage preservation and historical research in the fields of psychiatric medicine and mental health. For information please contact: robert.menzies@historyofmadness.ca megan.davies@historyofmadness.ca

2. Some Exciting News

Simon Bronitt is moving from ANU to Griffith University to be the new Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security. For information about the indisciplinary projects and PhD scholarships and visitor programs, please see http://ceps.edu.au/

3. Announcing the formation of Red Quill Books!

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4. ISJR Conference, Banff, 2010, Formal Call for Submissions

The Formal Call for Submissions is now open for the 13th biennial conference of the International Society for Justice Research, to be held in Banff, Canada, August 21-24, 2010. The theme of the meeting is "Rights and Equality in the Global Community". The conference is an interdisciplinary, international forum for the presentation and discussion of research on justice and fairness. Researchers of all relevant disciplines are invited to propose papers, posters, or symposia on the conference theme or any other justice-related issue.

Please note: If you intend to present at the conference, you must submit again during the current Call for Submissions even if you responded with a name and title during the earlier "Intention to Submit" phase. You do not need to submit the same project. You can still submit a presentation during the current Call for Submissions if you did not previously send an "Intention to Submit." The Call for Submissions closes FEBRUARY 28, 2010. Please visit the conference website for details :http://wcmprod2.ucalgary.ca/isjr2010/

5. Osgoode-York Seminar Series in Policy Research

The purpose of this seminar series is threefold: To provide a forum for the dissemination of scholarly research and research-in-progress in areas related to public policy, broadly defined; To enhance and develop interdisciplinary discourse in policy-related areas; and To bring together Osgoode and York faculty, graduate students, and advanced undergraduate students in a collegial environment.

For further information, please visit http://www.yorku.ca/oyspr/ for the seminar series or email jedalton@yorku.ca.


The Osgoode-York Working Paper Series in Policy Research publishes research that has been presented as part of the seminar series, although authors who have not presented their work in the seminar series may still submit papers for consideration, provided that they relate to public policy themes, more broadly. For further information, please contact: Jennifer Dalton, Editor-in-Chief, York Centre for Public Policy & Law, 604 York Research Tower, York University, 4700 Keele Street. Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3, jedalton@yorku.ca
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**Memorial University** will begin a Law and Society major in the Winter semester 2010. The new major will build on the successful foundation of the existing Law and Society minor, which has been offered by the Faculty of Arts for more than ten years. The program encompasses many diverse disciplines of study, among them anthropology, history, philosophy, political science, and sociology. The interdisciplinary major program will be offered to candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in conjunction with a major or minor in a single discipline.

**NEW PHD PROGRAM IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES AT YORK UNIVERSITY:**
The Graduate Program in Socio-Legal Studies at York University is pleased to announce that its proposal for a PhD in Socio-Legal Studies was approved by the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies on October 23, 2009. We will be admitting students to our PhD program for 2010-2011 in the following three fields of specialization: 1- Socio-Legal Theory. 2- Crime, Law, and Governance. 3- Comparative and Historical Perspectives in Law. For further information, deadlines, and admission requirements, please check our website at http://www.yorku.ca/gradslst/

**LLM in Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights, Keele University, UK.** This Masters Degree Programme aims to provide a practical and theoretical understanding of law and its relevance to issues around gender and sexuality. Whilst these are the principal areas of study, the course will engage with dynamics of class, race, ethnicity, and disability. The course aims to develop not only subject-specific knowledge and skills, but also transferable skills. In terms of the latter, particular attention is paid to research and analytical skills. The course also aims to provide a foundation for pursuing further study at doctoral level. www.keele.ac.uk/postgraduate

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