Greetings, and welcome to the new face of the CLSA Bulletin! First off, I would like to express my thanks to the very talented Sana Affara and Graciela Flores Mendez for their time and effort in helping to redesign the Bulletin and streamline distribution. We are still refining and working out a few glitches, but all in all, it went very smoothly. Please send on any feedback or suggestions you may have for a special feature in an upcoming edition. In this edition of the Bulletin, you will find the President’s report from Debra Parkes, the table of contents for the next Canadian Journal of Law and Society, highlights of the Mid-Winter Meeting in Halifax, and information on the upcoming Annual Meeting of the CLSA in Ottawa, May 23 to 25. Thanks to the hard working organizing committee, led by Nicolas Carrier, Dianne George, and Neil Sargent for putting together a very exciting program. Thanks to all who responded to the call for announcements, listed at the end of the Bulletin, and to Dominique Nanoff for her invaluable assistance with French translation and copy-editing.

Hope to see you all in Ottawa!

Kimberley White

Editor's Notice

The CLSA/ACDS Bulletin is produced twice a year for members of the Canadian Law & Society Association. The purpose of the Bulletin is to provide a forum for CLSA members to share information and views on recent developments and issues affecting law and society research in Canada. CLSA members are invited to submit editorials, notices of forthcoming publications and conferences and other items of interest to members of the Association.
We live in challenging times. The recent economic meltdown has served as justication for new hiring freezes at universities across the country, meaning that many promising, young socio-legal scholars will face uphill battles as they search for the jobs that looked so possible only a year ago. In a baffling move, the recent federal budget included a plan to earmark funds for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) graduate scholarships for “business-related degrees.” Proposals by the legal profession to accredit law faculties may have an impact on the degree of innovation, creativity, and socio-legal inquiry and teaching that takes place in law faculties. Perhaps it is self-serving, but I cannot help but think that we – graduate students and faculty members alike – need the CLSA more than ever.

I am very proud of the support we are able to provide to graduate students who participate in our annual meeting (increased again this year with the generous support of the Law Foundation of Ontario), of the quality journal our fabulous editorial team publishes, and of the great conference and smaller, more intimate mid-winter meeting that we are able to mount year after year.

As a volunteer-run organization, it is no secret that our strength is our membership. Your contributions on the board, on committees, as peer reviewers for the journal, as conference presenters, and simply as dues-paying members are what make it all happen. That is why we want to focus on expanding our membership this year. Please encourage your colleagues and your graduate students to join and get involved in the Association.

I look forward to seeing you all at Carleton University in Ottawa from May 23-25, 2009 for our Annual Meeting, as part of the Congress of Social Sciences & Humanities.

We thank the organizing committee, which is headed up by Nicolas Carrier (Institute of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Carleton), Dianne George (Law, Carleton), and Neil Sargent (Law, Carleton), for what we know will be a stimulating meeting. See the website <www.acds-clsa.org> for full program and event information.

**Update: CLSA and the Federation of Law Societies’ Task Force on Accreditation**

In my Fall 2008 report, I mentioned the Federation of Law Societies’ Task Force on the Accreditation of Canadian Common Law Degrees and I noted that the CLSA, together with our colleagues in the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT), has been following these developments closely. Of particular concern is the potential impact on socio-legal scholarship and teaching of the proposal to articulate “framework competencies” (doctrinal knowledge, skills, etc.) that law school graduates must demonstrate to be eligible for admission to the legal profession.

I am pleased to report that the joint committee, chaired by Roderick MacDonald of McGill and composed of CLSA and CALT members with expertise in matters of legal education and socio-legal scholarship, has prepared a response which was submitted to the Task Force in December 2008 and is available on our website.

The CLSA and CALT will be providing members with a further opportunity to discuss the potential implications and issues surrounding this initiative at a joint session to be held at Carleton on Monday, May 25, 2009 from 10:45-12:30 in 204 Architecture Bldg. This session will run concurrently with other panels as part of our conference. Therefore, if anyone is interested in contributing to our ongoing discussion about these issues but unable to attend the session on May 25th, please contact me at parkesd@ms.umanitoba.ca.
This year’s mid-winter meeting was held on January 23-24, 2009 in Halifax hosted by Diane Crocker and Jane McMillan at Saint Mary’s University. The first day involved several panels, both formal and informal. We began the day with a panel of researchers from the Maritimes, including people from Dalhousie, Saint Mary’s and St. Thomas. The panel provided us with brief introductions to the kinds of research projects being undertaken in the region. Our second panel involved participants from across the county who discussed current issues arising in Criminology and Law and Society programs. The day also involved several paper presentations and a Sharing Circle that allowed everyone to informally chat about their latest ventures, ideas and research project. The day was attended by members of CLSA board as well as other members from the Maritimes and beyond. We were also pleased to have several graduate students drop in throughout the day.

The board meeting included reports from the CLSA president, treasurer and journal editors, followed by discussion of the annual meeting in Ottawa. Other issues discussed at the meeting included the development of the CLSA website and membership. A nominations committee was struck and will be composed of Debra Parks, Annie Bunting, Mariana Valverde and Suzanne Bouclin. Discussions also occurred on the World Consortium of Law & Society Associations and the Federation of Law Societies’ Consultation.

Our upcoming annual meeting will feature three full days of stimulating panels, as well as a number of great social events. Check out the full program at www.acds-clsa.org. Here are some highlights you will not want to miss:

Saturday, May 23:
- Canadian Journal of Law and Society Reception
- Graduate Student Social

Sunday, May 24:
- CLSA Annual General Meeting – open to all members, with lunch provided
- CLSA Banquet featuring keynote address by Stephen Hazell, Executive Director, Sierra Club of Canada, as well as our annual book and article prize awards – purchase your tickets online through the Congress registration system

Monday, May 25:
- Joint Reception with the Canadian Association of Law Teachers at the Supreme Court of Canada – this is a free event, but capacity is limited to 50 attendees from CLSA, on a first-come, first-served basis.

See the website for further details on all events and don’t forget to renew your CLSA membership online: http://www.acds-clsa.org/en/membership/.

Our annual meeting has received significant support from Carleton University and the University of Ottawa, for which we are grateful. Our thanks also go to the organizing committee, led by Nicolas Carrier, Dianne George, and Neil Sargent.

See you in Ottawa!
Hello!

We would like to invite students to attend the fourth graduate student workshop at the 2009 Canadian Law and Society Association conference. This year’s workshop will be divided into three one-hour sessions held in Ottawa at Carleton University on May 24th and 25th. The location of the workshops will be announced shortly. All students who are registered to attend the CLSA conference are welcome to attend the workshops regardless of whether you plan to present a paper at the conference. For more information regarding the CLSA meeting, please go to http://www.acds-clsa.org/en/

Workshop:

The purpose of the workshop series is to provide participants with practical advice on graduate student life as well as making the transition from student to professor. In accordance with these objectives, we have organized three sessions on the following topics:

May 24th 9am “Great Conference Talks: What You Wish You Would Have Known Yesterday”


May 25th 4pm “Preparing for the Job Talk”

Refreshments and a light snack will be available.

Social:

Please come out for a pint or a bite to eat on Saturday May 23rd! The CLSA Graduate Student Social will be held as of 8 p.m. on Saturday May 23rd at the Clock Tower, a charming micro-brewery that serves food and snacks (including vegetarian options). The Clock Tower is at 575 Bank Street (613-233-7849) and is on a major bus route.

Directions from Carleton University:

By Car (5 minutes)
1. Head north on Colonel By Dr 0.7 km
2. Turn right at Bronson Pl 89 m
3. Take the ramp onto Bronson Ave 1.2 km
4. Turn right at Powell Ave 0.9 km
5. Turn left at Bank St Destination will be on the right

By Bus

Take Bus 7 (Direction St Laurent)
Bus Schedules can be found at: http://www.octranspo.com/

Registration/More Information

If you would like to register for the workshop or you require more information, please contact: atelierlawandsociety@yahoo.ca. More information on both the workshop and social will be provided following registration.

Funding

The CLSA has applied for funding for graduate students to attend the CLSA conference. More information is available upon request. If you are interested in funding, please note this in your e-mail when you register for the workshop. Please include the name of your university and indicate whether you are presenting a paper at the LSA/CLSA conference.

We look forward to meeting you in May!

CLSA Graduate Student Representatives:
Suzanne Bouclin & Nicole O’Byrne
Editor's Report

The Journal is celebrating its one-year anniversary in its new home at Carleton University and it's been quite a year! By now you all will have received our double issue and the next issue is in press (see the table of contents below). We are very grateful to our board for their commitment and hard work over the last year and are looking forward to some exciting upcoming changes. Christiane Wilke will be taking over as managing editor of the Journal this coming July. We will be announcing the new English book review editor shortly. For my part, I am off on sabbatical but will stay on the Journal's board for the coming year. Mariana Valverde and Michel Coutu will stay on in their editorial positions.

We have also been working with the Association to harmonize our websites and improve our membership and subscription systems. Our aim is to launch the new site at Congress. On deck this year is a special issue guest edited by Anna Pratt and Lorne Sossin. This edition gathers together empirical work by both legal scholars and social scientists on the ways in which government officials use their discretion. It will be a major contribution to the literature on regulation and administrative law 'in action'.

We are still accepting manuscripts for the fall edition of the Journal. As always, we invite submissions in either French or English. Our other bit of good news is that the Australian Research Council which reviews and rates law related journals internationally recently gave CJLS a top tiered 'A' ranking based on the quality of publications and overall impact of the periodical!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Congress. Look for the Journal's table at the book fair.

Very best for the spring,

Dawn Moore

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Book Reviews


1. **Consortium of Undergraduate Law & Justice Programs Annual Meeting**  
**May 27, 2008, Sturm College of Law, Denver University**

The program committee wishes to encourage faculty, and particularly junior faculty, from your departments or programs to attend this year's meeting, so please forward this announcement to your colleagues who might be interested. Following the conference will be a brief business meeting, open to all, including elections of new officers and directors for 2009-2011, and a reception.

Lodging accommodations are available at the rate for the Law & Society conference, and full information is available at [www.lawandsociety.org](http://www.lawandsociety.org)

**Preliminary Program:**

- 8:30 -9:00 AM  Registration, coffee & light breakfast, welcome  
  Faculty Lounge (room 401)
- 9:00-10:30 AM  Panel: “What Our Students Do After They are Finished with Us”
- 10:30-10:45 AM  Coffee break
- 10:45-12:00 AM  Panel: “Mock Trial Programs and Moot Courts in Class”
- 12:00-1:00 PM  Lunch
- 1:00-2:30 PM  Workshop: Teaching Law and Pop Culture
- 2:30-3:30 PM  CULJP Business Meeting, Board of Directors’ Meeting, and Election of Officers and Directors
- 4:00-5:30 PM  Reception

2. **UBC Faculty of Law Graduate Student Reunion**  
**May 20-21, 2008, Vancouver, B.C.**

Join your classmates and current graduate students in a celebration of graduate studies in Law at UBC. Held in conjunction with the “Law Without Borders” graduate student conference. For details and a registration form, go to: [http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/2009/may/14th_conf.html](http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/2009/may/14th_conf.html) or contact Joanne Chung at jchung@law.ubc.ca

3. **The Criminology Graduate Students Association** at the University of Toronto hosted its second annual Graduate Student Conference, November 6-7, 2008. This conference, organized by the graduate students and supported by the Centre of Criminology, provides graduate students the opportunity to meet and discuss their original research. This year, 30 graduate students from Canada and the US presented original research. We look forward to continuing the tradition this fall.

4. **The Faculty of Arts at the University of British Columbia** has recently approved an interdisciplinary **Undergraduate Minor in Law and Society**. By taking relevant courses in Anthropology, Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, First Nations Studies, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Sociology, and Women’s Studies, undergraduate students will study legal structures, rules and institutions within their full social, historical, economic, and political contexts. The Minor in Law and Society is especially suited to undergraduate students with an interest in law, public policy, governance, and social issues.

For more information see the webpage: [http://www.history.ubc.ca/laso/](http://www.history.ubc.ca/laso/)

5. **The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History** was founded in 1979, and 2009 is thus our 30th anniversary year. We are marking this occasion in a number of ways, including a one-day symposium on Canadian legal history on Friday October 30th, and a celebratory dinner in the evening. Both will be held at Osgoode Hall.

The symposium will focus on the current state and future of Canadian legal history, and will include presentations by many of its best-known practitioners, including Constance Backhouse, Paul Craven, Hamar Foster, Philip Girard, William Kaplan, and Robert Sharpe, as well as graduate students and other young scholars.
The symposium will be free of charge, although we ask those interested in attending to register so that we can cater the event. To receive a registration form, and/or further information as it becomes available by e-mail please contact mmacfarl@lsuc.on.ca

The dinner will be a ticketed event; the price, not yet finally decided, will be in the range of $50. Places are limited. To reserve your place please contact mmacfarl@lsuc.on.ca.

THE GOOD NEWS

Joan Brockman received a SSHRC grant for her research project “The Construction of Deviant Professionals: Sex, Lies, and Bill(k)ling the State.” She will examine how judges in the criminal courts and the disciplinary committees of professional SROs (Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons and Law Societies) construct sexual misconduct and various forms of fraud by physicians and lawyers. Joan has also won the Canadian Bar Association’s (CBA) 2008 Cecilia I. Johnstone Award in recognition of her outstanding work to advance the standing and influence of women in the legal profession.

RECENT & FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS


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CALLS & DEADLINES

1. The Kathryn T. Preyer Scholars Prize

Named after the late Kathryn T. Preyer, a distinguished historian of the law of early America known for her generosity to young legal historians, the program of Kathryn T. Preyer Scholars is designed to help legal historians at the beginning of their careers. At the annual meeting of the Society two younger legal historians designated Kathryn T. Preyer Scholars will present what would normally be their first papers to the Society. The generosity of Professor Preyer's friends and family has enabled the Society to offer a small honorarium to the Preyer Scholars and to reimburse, in some measure or entirely, their costs of attending the meeting. The competition for Preyer Scholars is organized by the Society's Kathryn T. Preyer Memorial Committee.

Application Process for 2009

David T. Konig of Washington University in St. Louis dtkonig@artsci.wustl.edu. chairs the Preyer
Committee for 2009. Information about this year’s competition may be found with the call for papers for the Dallas meeting, available at http://aslh.net/.

2. Visiting Chair in Criminology at St. Thomas

Established in 1910, St. Thomas University is a Catholic liberal arts university where excellence in undergraduate teaching is the highest institutional priority. The University welcomes faculty, students, and staff from all faiths and backgrounds.

Through a special endowment in Criminology and Criminal Justice, St. Thomas University is able to host the position of Visiting Chair in Criminology for four months each year. The Visiting Chair is offered to a scholar with a well-established record of research. Those appointed to the Chair are expected to teach one undergraduate elective course in an area of their choice, conduct research in criminology/criminal justice, and/or participate in a special symposium in their area of expertise. Appointment to the Chair includes travel and living expenses while in Fredericton as well as a stipend for teaching a course or other services.

St. Thomas University is soliciting applications for either the September-December term or the January-April term of the academic years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. We are particularly interested in applications from researchers with expertise in the following areas: female offenders, aboriginal justice, crime prevention, technological crime, organized crime, or other.

Applications are to include a statement including the course that would be offered, the semester that would be most suitable for the appointment, a brief description of research interests, a curriculum vitae, samples of writing, and the names of two referees. Applications are to be sent to Dr. Patrick Malcolmson, Vice-President (Academic), St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G3.

The deadline for applications for the 2009-2010 academic year was February 20, 2009. However, anyone interested in applying for 2010, and onwards, may submit an application at any time. http://w3.stu.ca/stu/administrative/hr/listings.aspx?id=4540
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