

*Finding just solutions to complex social problems*

**Global Engagement:**

## Faculty tackles global justice issues at home and around the world

Whether we travel to faraway places or bring experts in their fields to Arizona, we are constantly seeking just solutions to global social problems.

Our spring colloquia series will feature three experts with a worldwide perspective. First, our Global Justice Lecture Series, now in its third year, will continue with **Oscar Vilhena Vieira**, founder and co-director of Conectas Human Rights, a non-governmental organization which seeks to promote academic and activist collaboration around pressing human rights concerns. He is a professor of constitutional law and human rights at the School of Law of the Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV/SP) and at the Catholic University of Sao Paulo (PUC-SP). He has written several books and articles on human rights and constitutional law.

Another colloquium will be presented by **Jo Dixon**, associate professor of sociology and associate director of the law and society program at New York University. She will speak on, "Transitional Justice in Post-War, Post-Conflict and Post-Communist Societies." She focuses on the role that contextual factors play as elites attempt to select transitional justice tools capable of attaining often contradictory goals of justice and state building.

Our third guest speaker will be **Alena Krizkova**, a Senior Fellow of the Czech Academy of Sciences and head of the gender and sociology department. Her areas of expertise include gender, work and family and she has published two books and several articles on the subject. She has also consulted extensively for the European Union on gender, economy and work in the Czech Republic and other Eastern European Nations. During her month-long stay, Krizkova will discuss further collaboration between our school and hers in areas dealing with entrepreneurship, gender and

economic justice issues. Her visit is funded by a seed grant from the ASU Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement.

For more information on our spring colloquia visit our web site or call our front desk at 480-965-7682.

### Local to Global Justice

The eighth annual Local to Global Justice Teach-In, "Reclaim the Commons!" will be held Feb. 27 to March 1, 2009. Sponsored by our school and other ASU units, the group is composed of students, faculty and community members and is open to anyone. This event will focus on regaining democratic control over the spaces and resources that were once shared freely but are increasingly being commodified and privatized. The aim of the teach-in is to educate and collaborate on issues of social justice related to the commons. More information is at [www.localtoglobal.org](http://www.localtoglobal.org).

### Going out into the world



*It's not Arizona. Arthur Mason (above), assistant professor, braves the cold in Svolvær, Norway, where he attended a week-long workshop on the future of oil and gas development in the Arctic. The event was sponsored by the Norwegian government as part of International Polar Year.*

The School of Justice and Social Inquiry faculty travel widely to participate in academic events and gain global perspective.

In September, Regents' Professor



**David Altheide** (above), along with Nan Ellin, director of the Urban and Metropolitan Studies Program in the School of Public Affairs, were two of only three scholars from the United States invited to participate as featured speakers at the World Social Summit in Rome. They joined other global experts, including Nobel Prize laureates, to exchange ideas on the theme, "Fearless: Discussion on How to Combat Global Anguish." The summit focused on questions about how urban living promotes fear and anxiety; what is the role of the mass media in creating fear; alternatives and correctives to the institutional frameworks that generate such anxiety and what the future holds for these global trends. Altheide discussed the role of media in "Creating, Framing and Amplifying Fear."

"It was gratifying," Altheide says, "to see researchers from around the world focusing on the negative consequences of global

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## From the Director: New school and new opportunities next year

As I write this column, President-Elect Barack Obama is finalizing his cabinet and Congress is deciding whether and to what extent to assist U.S. automobile manufacturers and individual homeowners. Questions of justice are central to how we will meet the many economic, political and social challenges currently confronting our society.

As the stories in this issue of *JustNews* demonstrate, the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the School of Justice and Social Inquiry are contributing in important ways to our understanding of these difficult issues and their local, national and global ramifications. We are engaging in scholarship to identify *just* solutions to these complex social problems.

Continuing our tradition of studying the local impacts of large social problems through our Seeking Justice in Arizona fall lecture series, this year we focused our attention on environmental justice, juvenile justice and racial justice, with the added twist of looking seriously at how to most effectively create political alliances to meet specific policy goals.

The conversation will continue with a broader national focus on March 19, 2009, when we welcome **Robert Reich**, former

Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration, as our John P. Frank Memorial Lecturer. He will speak on the topic, "Will Our Children Live As Well?" On this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the John P. Frank Memorial Lecture series, we are delighted to announce development of a campaign to transform the lecture into a visiting professorship in social justice, law and policy in memory of John Frank.

We have also been active in curriculum building this fall and have proposed new undergraduate certificates in collaboration with colleagues from across the university, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Studies. In addition, it is now possible for students to complete a Justice Studies major or minor totally online.

It is in this strong context of growth and expansion of our research and teaching initiatives that we proudly join together with colleagues from African and African American Studies, Asian Pacific American Studies and Women and Gender Studies to create a new school, tentatively entitled the **School of Social Transformation**. The Arizona Board of Regents approved establishment of this new school in November and the faculty, staff and students of our four units are now building the

school's infrastructure. All of our existing degree programs will be retained in the new school. Additionally, we are excited by the opportunities that the new structure will provide for developing new programs and collaborative research themes. I will continue to chair the faculty of Justice and Social Inquiry, working closely with my colleague Mary Margaret Fonow who will serve as the founding director of the School of Social Transformation.

I am pleased to report that ASU's Institute for Humanities Research has awarded us a seed grant to simultaneously address major societal issues *and* think critically about how best to construct new knowledge in pursuit of social justice. The first outcome of this seed grant will be a symposium in the spring with scholars from other institutions who are also grappling with questions about justice, intersectionality and social transformation.

On behalf of all of us, I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and a wonderful new year!



Marjorie S. Zatz, Director

## Intellectual fusion: New course focuses on ethnography of SkySong



A new course co-taught by Professor **Nancy Jurik** and Sander van der Leeuw, professor and director of the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, started this

fall and will continue in the spring. The focal research project for the course, titled "Analyzing Innovation," is a case study of the ASU-Scottsdale SkySong Innovation Center. The center was designed to encourage interactions among staff, entrepreneurs, students and visitors in the hope that such chance encounters will foster innova-

tion. Popular gathering spots include the on-site Sky Café, hallways with conversation areas and copy rooms. Another unexpected spot for conversation is by the outside dumpster where some gather for a quick cigarette. Security guards proved to be reliable guides for spotting the key areas for informal interactions and work talk.

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fears and identifying ways to reduce them."

For the second consecutive year, **John Johnson**, professor, has had a paper accepted for presentation in Ukraine. Johnson and his co-author, Andrei Melnikov of Eastern Ukraine University in Lugansk have written a paper titled, "Existentialism and the Emergence, Growth and Development of Existential Sociology." They will

present the paper at the Karkov Readings of the Ukraine Academy of Science. The paper will also be published by the Ukraine Academy of Science.

In November, **Madelaine Adelman**, associate professor (center, right, with colleagues in Old Town Warsaw), traveled to Warsaw, Poland, to represent the national office of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network at a four-day

working conference. The event, for 12 expert educators who conduct teacher training on safe schools issues, was hosted by the Global Alliance for LGBT Education, a transnational network.



## We welcome our new additions



**Alan Eladio Gómez**, a historian, joined the faculty as an assistant professor this fall. His research topics, organized around the overarching theme of cultures of resistance, include:

history of social movements in Mexico, the U.S. and the U.S.-Mexico borderlands; the political cultures of U.S./Third World Left

radicalism; the relational logics of white supremacy, violence, law and state formation; prison rebellions and incarceration logics, among others. Gómez is currently working on a book tentatively titled, "Decolonizing the Américas: Political Radicalism and the Circulation of U.S. Third World Struggles." Prior to coming to ASU, he was an assistant professor of Latina/o Studies at Ithaca College and a visiting lecturer in the Department of City and Regional Planning at Cornell University. Gómez received his doctorate in history and his master's degree in Latin

American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.



Baby Tristan J. T. Lee arrived on Sept. 3, 2008, joining the family of Assistant Professor **Charles Lee** and his wife, Celia.

### Social Embeddedness:

## We educate and engage the League of Future Voters

During the fall presidential campaign, Changing Hands Bookstore in Tempe created a series of events called "The League of Future Voters" and invited speakers to help educate the younger generation about how they can get involved and develop their own political identity. **Madelaine Adelman**, associate professor, along with Arizona State Representative Kyrsten Sinema, presented a workshop called "Become an Agent of Change," which focused on

controversial issues of gender and politics. Adelman says that students need to educate themselves about the candidates and find out where they stand. "A lot of people focus on the national election but I also advise people, especially those who are younger, to get interested and involved in local government as well," she says. "It starts with getting educated and understanding how the system works."

**Ed Ableser**, also an Arizona State Rep-

resentative and our doctoral student, hosted another workshop in the series called "21st Century Ways to Get Your Voice Heard." While crediting traditional media with still being effective, he finds new technological tools such as Facebook and YouTube and blogs like Politico to be very effective in organizing and communicating on a local level. He believes these are important ways to connect with younger people and get them involved.

## Seeking Justice in Arizona lecture series addresses environmental, judicial and political issues

Once again, our fall lecture series featured three Arizonans who make a difference in our communities. The audiences, numbering up to 200, were students, alumni and community members who learned more about environmental activism, the juvenile justice system and the workings of the state legislature.



Environment activist, **Steve Brittle** (above), our first speaker, is co-founder and president of Don't Waste Arizona, Inc., a statewide nonprofit environmental educational organization with a strong emphasis on environmental justice. He spoke

about his nearly 20 years of grassroots organizing experiences. He summed up his advice in three steps, "Show up. Bring media. Show power."

Our second speaker was **John Foreman** (below), assistant attorney general of Arizona, who served as a judge in Arizona from 1985 until he retired from the bench in 2005. He drew on his many years on Family Court and Juvenile Court to answer the question, "Does 'getting tough' on crime by increasing adult prosecution of juvenile offenders create criminals and discriminate against minority youth?" He made the case



that it does both.

Finally, Arizona State Representative **Kyrsten Sinema**, (above, left) also a criminal defense attorney and ASU alum, drew on her experiences in the state legislature to speak about "Ending Identity Politics and Rejecting the 'Wedge': How Coalition Building Can Help Us Unite and Conquer." Wearing a cast boot and travelling on crutches, she presented a spirited talk and answered many questions. Her advice, soon to be detailed in a book, is: Make friends. Give up identity politics. Focus on common values to build coalitions. Be creative about finding solutions that serve all of us.



## Innovative research in our five core areas

The School of Justice and Social Inquiry is an innovative social sciences program that places social justice at the center of its scholarship and teaching. We have identified a set of five core thematic areas in which our faculty are leading experts nationally and internationally. A few examples of recent projects in each area include the following:

### Citizenship, Migration and Human Rights: New research cluster adds depth to human rights area of study

We have taken major steps to substantially enlarge our human rights studies and to collaborate with other units to offer new opportunities in this important area.

Last spring we invited J. Paul Martin, professor and co-founder and former executive director of the Center for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia University and current director of human rights studies at Barnard College, to come and speak. Following his talk, faculty from a wide range of disciplines engaged in a lively discussion about expanding intellectual and practical engagements with human rights. This expansion would incorporate interdisciplinary scholarship into policy and practice and create spaces where sustained engagement among scholars and practitioners

about human rights can occur.

A critical first step in the creation of such space is the launch this fall of a human rights research cluster, within ASU's Institute for Humanities Research, titled, "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights and Social Justice." The group, which meets monthly, is headed by **LaDawn Haglund**, assistant professor.

"There are significant shared concerns among ASU faculty and students that are ripe for development around a range of human rights and topics," Haglund says. "These include war crimes, torture and other serious violations; transitional justice; struggles for autonomy by Native American nations; the rights of women and gender justice and many others." She adds

that members have expressed interest in exploring sources of human rights knowledge and representation in literature, history, film and the arts as well as other media and discourses.

"We have planned special sessions on immigration and human rights, human rights and indigenous peoples," Haglund adds, "as well as an author-meets-critics session with James Nickel, professor of law, to discuss his 'Making Sense of Human Rights' book"

At the same time as the research cluster was launched, the school applied for an undergraduate Certificate in Human Rights. This has been approved at the college-level and is now awaiting University approval. We hope to offer it in the fall.

### Media, Technology and Culture: Internet security in Southeast Asia and a hopeful song

Assistant Professor **Merlyna Lim** gave the keynote speech at a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum in Bali in November. This 30-year old organization is composed of 10 nations with a population of about 560 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometers and total trade of about \$1,400 billion. The member nations send diplomatic representatives to the meetings where they seek to accelerate economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region and to promote regional peace and stability. The gathering in Bali was a conference on "Terrorism and the Internet."

Lim focuses her research on these issues and spoke on "The Internet and Radicalization." She says, "This is not an academic forum. One hundred percent of the participants,

except for me, were government officials, mostly from foreign affairs and security-related ministries."

This fall, Lim taught a class titled "Science, Technology and Inequalities." In the last class, she and her students created a song together. Afterwards, she wrote to them in a blog letter that since the semester was over, she was going to "resign" from teaching their class and added, "Unfortunately, inequalities haven't resigned yet ... but, after all, we can always hope for (and work towards) fewer social inequalities, as reflected in the song we created together in less than five minutes while munching non-utilitarian pizza. It's a utopian song, occasionally being boldly optimistic and could be helpful!" Here are the lyrics to sing to the tune of

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

#### "Inequalities Resign!"

Somewhere over the rainbow, way up high  
There's a society where inequalities resign.

Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue  
There's a place where nobody says "I'm better than you."

Someday I'll wish upon a star and wake up  
where we all drive hybrid cars,

Where traffic jams and pollution have given  
way to new solutions for oil addiction.

Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue  
There's a place where nobody says, "I'm better than you."

## Law, Policy and Social Change:

### New NSF grant project will study effects of involvement of local police forces in enforcing immigration laws

Immigration has become a primary domestic issue in the United States, with some estimates placing the number of unauthorized immigrants at 12 million. Professor **Doris Marie Provine**, along with Scott Decker (director, criminology and criminal justice) and Paul Lewis (assistant professor, political science) recently received funding from the National Science Foundation to investigate the role of local police forces in immigration law enforcement. In some communities, local governments have asked police to work directly with federal authorities to check legal status during routine law enforcement. These requests can be problematic for police because they stretch resources, challenge police to avoid

racial profiling and may jeopardize relations with minority residents.

“The current status of involvement in the local law enforcement of federal immigration policy is largely unknown,” says Provine, “and this presents a serious gap in our knowledge of the organization and exercise of governmental authority.”

The investigators propose a four-stage strategy to begin to close this gap. First, they are analyzing the results of a nationwide survey of police executives in 451 medium to large-sized municipalities, regarding actions police are taking and their contexts. The second stage is an intensive case study of four large municipal police

departments designed to deepen understanding of key variables and their relationships. In the third stage, they will prepare and administer a second survey, tailored to smaller communities. Finally, they will conclude the project with a second set of case studies of smaller communities.

“We hope to show how local jurisdictions come to be involved in immigration policing and what that involvement entails,” says Provine. “Citizens, policy makers, non-governmental organizations and police departments will benefit from information provided by this research about the costs and benefits of local immigration policing in a federal system.”

## Globalization, Sustainability and Economic Justice

We have so many things to say about our activities in this area, we decided to feature

them in our cover story. Please see page 1.



## Social Identities and Communities:

### Wexner residency will help complete 12-year conversation

A conversation between two passionate 20th century social activists that began in 1996 was finally completed in 2008 and will now become a finished feature-length documentary film thanks to a residency at the Wexner Center for the Arts. **H.L.T. Quan**, assistant professor, and C.A. Griffith, assistant professor in the Herberger College's School of Theatre and Film, will use the six week residency at the center's Art and Technology facility to work toward a final cut of their film with the working title, “The Angela Davis Project.”

The film features conversations held in 1996 and 2008 between internationally renowned activist and scholar Angela Y. Davis, a professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and 87-year old Yuri Kochiyama, a grassroots organizer, activist and a Nobel Peace Prize nominee. Al-

though the two worked in many of the same movements, they had never had an extended conversation before Griffith and Quan brought them together.

The filmmakers' company, QUAD Productions, hopes to enter the documentary in fall 2009 film festivals. Their style of film making showcases the voices of the two women with no announcer or voiceover narration. During the production of the film, Quan and Griffith stretched limited resources by serving as directors, producers, camera operators and more.



From left, H. L. T. Quan, Angela Y. Davis, Yuri Kochiyama, Suran K. Thrift and C. A. Griffith in Davis' home in Oakland, California.

Quan says the experience of filming the conversations was like “being a fly on the wall, sharing their experiences, lives and thoughts. It was incredibly inspiring.”

## Faculty News: Visiting scholar, Nepali award, project funded

**Pat Lauderdale**, professor, is on sabbatical this fall as a visiting scholar at the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity at Stanford University. Established in 1996, the Center provides many opportunities for teaching and research on topics of race and ethnicity from both domestic and international comparative perspectives. Lauderdale, along with doctoral student **Ophir Sefiha**, has had an article accepted for publication in *Social and Legal Studies* titled, "Sacred Mountains and Pro-

fane Dollars: Discourses about Snowmaking on the San Francisco Peaks."

**John Johnson**, professor, received the Distinguished Patron Award from the Nepalis and Friends Association for his "dedication to the Nepali Community in the Southwestern U.S.," and for his leadership and financial sponsorship of the organization since 1991. The award was presented at their annual meeting in Scottsdale.

**Vera Lopez**, associate professor, received a subcontract from the HIV Intervention Science Training Program to conduct a pilot study titled, "Gender, Relationship Power, Drugs, and Attachment Among Mexican American Adolescent Girls." Lopez and her colleagues will conduct interviews with 120 girls currently residing in a mental health facility. Additionally, they will conduct focus groups with selected girls and staff members. Results will inform future grant proposals.

## Alumni News: From ASU to Congressional Commission on WMD



**Sam Kessler** (bachelor of science in justice studies and political science '07) is shown above, front row, second from the right, with other interns and president-

elect Barack Obama, while Kessler was serving as an intern in Washington, D.C. in 2005. He is currently a National Security Analyst at the Department of State and Computer Science Corporation.

Kessler previously served as Special Assistant to the Executive Director at the Commission on the Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, a bi-partisan group formed to follow up on the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission. "In my role as Special Assistant," Kessler says, "I was responsible for authoring all correspondence on behalf of the Commission, overseeing the Advisory Board and tracking the progress of recommendations made by similar commissions in the past. Additionally, I wrote memorandums to the

commissioners on the safety and security of nuclear material, international and domestic nuclear security standards, global threat reduction programs and export controls." When asked what he learned from this experience, he replied, "There is no substitute for hard work."

The findings of the Commission, released Dec. 2, 2008, concluded that the world is still at risk from WMD, with nuclear and biological weapons posing the greatest threats. The complete report can be found at <http://www.preventwmd.gov>.

Prior to serving on the Commission, Kessler was a Press Intern for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. While at ASU, he was in the Barrett Honors College and graduated Summa Cum Laude.



**Phoebe Morgan** (doctorate '95) was promoted to full professor in criminology and criminal justice at Northern Arizona State University. Additionally, she has been named the new coordinator of the Faculty Ombuds Program.

**Rashad Shabazz** (master's '02) finished his doctorate in the History of Consciousness Program at the University of California, Santa Cruz, an interdisciplinary graduate program centered in the humanities with links to the social sciences, natural sciences and the arts. He has accepted a position as assistant professor at the University of Vermont.

**Julie Cowgill**, (doctorate '96) has been promoted to associate professor of sociol-

ogy and justice studies at Oklahoma City University. In addition to her teaching activities, she has been conducting research and offering her services at the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, a terrorism prevention training center for police officers, investigators, intelligence analysts and first responders. The institute holds the largest open source collection of documents on counterterrorism. It was established after the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995.

## Graduate Students:

### Grads study justice issues from the Amazon to Washington, D. C.

**Christine Holman**, doctoral student, right, received a Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Intensive Language Fellowship to study Kichwa at the ASU and University of Pittsburgh's Andes and Amazon Field School in Ecuador last summer.



While there, she studied the Kichwa (Quechua) language, the primary indigenous language spoken in the Andes and Amazon regions of South America, to facilitate her studies of spiritual tourism in the Amazon. She is shown above with Dennis McKenna, a professor at the Field School and one of the world's foremost ethnobotanists. He is a senior research scientist at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Holman was recently awarded \$2,000 from the Graduate and Professional Stu-

dent Association (GPSA) Research Grant Program to continue her dissertation field studies in Peru. She also received the GPSA Teaching Excellence Award last spring.

Additional recent GPSA award winners are: **Tommy Horejcs** for his project titled, "Critical Issues in

Deaf Education;" **Delaenya Stapleton's** project, "Women and Consensual Sexual Sadoomasochism;" **Rosalee Gonzalez** received GPSA funding to moderate a

panel at a conference co-hosted by UNICEF in Quito, Ecuador, in October.

In November, **Gabriella Sanchez**, left, participated in a panel at the symposium, "The Economics of Trafficking," at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. Her panel discussed "Trafficking in Persons: A Human Rights Violation or an Economic Motor?"



*Gabriella Sanchez, above right, with panelists Annegret Staigner and Arnab Basu.*

Three students have just been awarded Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowships for spring semester 2009 in the amount of \$9,500 each (minus the cost of one credit tuition and health insurance). They are **Joao Salm**, **Francine Banner** and **Olivia Salcido**. These awards allow the students to focus solely on their dissertations so they can complete them in the coming semester.

Doctoral student **Ken Miller** and co-author David Niven have had their article, "Mixed Messages: The Supreme Court's Conflicting Decisions on Juries in Death Penalty Cases," accepted in the Criminal Law Brief at American University's Washington College of Law.

Congratulations to our fall graduates: **Alma Alvarez-Smith** is receiving her doctorate and is now Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives in the Dedman College at Southern Methodist University; **Ruth Butler** and **Carole McKenna** are receiving their doctorate; **Hilary Smith** is receiving her doctorate and will be an assistant professor at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in January.

## Support our school, students and programs

*We hope you've enjoyed reading about some of our recent activities and scholarship. We are excited about the potential to grow even more in our accomplishments and leadership in the field. If you'd like to make a donation, please complete the form below and return it to ASU School of Justice and Social Inquiry, Attn. Nancy Newcomer, PO Box 870403, Tempe, AZ 85287-0403. Or visit our website at <http://sjsi.clas.asu.edu> and click "Support."*

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## Reaching out to our students and the community



Our undergraduate student organization, the Justice and Pre-Law Society, welcomed new students to our open house (left) the first week of school. In September they hosted a “Profile of Professions,” (right) where students could ask community professionals about their careers. The club’s other fall events included training in public speaking, a workshop in alternate path law careers and preparation for taking LSAT tests.



Please mark your calendar for this special upcoming event:

**10th Anniversary John P. Frank Memorial lecture  
featuring Robert Reich, Professor of Public Policy at University of  
California, Berkeley and former Secretary of Labor**

**“Will Your Children Live as Well?”**

**Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.  
Smith Music Theatre, School of Music, ASU Tempe campus**

For more information on this event and our spring colloquia, please call 480-965-7682 or visit our website <http://sjsi.clas.asu.edu>

