LOWENTHAL RETIRES TO WRITE IN SANTA FE

Gary Lowenthal’s career has been in the law, but it grew from an interest in psychology, especially abnormal psychology. And even as he retires this year from teaching criminal law at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, he will continue to explore the vagaries of human behavior through writing. He currently is working on two non-fiction books on crime and ultimately hopes to write fiction.

He will be honored Wednesday, April 25, at the Law Society Dinner in the Steptoe & Johnson Rotunda in Armstrong Hall.

Lowenthal attended Harvard University, studying math, then political science, and becoming enthralled with abnormal psychology. He went to the University of Chicago Law School thinking criminal law would be a good place to continue his study of deviant behavior.

After working for four years as a public defender in California, Lowenthal came to Arizona State University, where he taught criminal law and procedure and for 20 years worked with the clinical program.

In the mid-’90s, facing his third sabbatical, Lowenthal vowed not to do the same thing he had done in the past. Instead, he spent eight months working at the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office and then wrote a book about the experience: Down and Dirty Justice: Criminal Law in the Trenches, which expands a gang case to examine prosecutorial discretion in felony courts.

Lowenthal plans to move to Santa Fe and pursue writing full time. But he said he will miss the law school and his students.

“This has been a very peaceful semester for me,” Lowenthal said. “Every time I give a lecture, I think, ‘This is the last time I will be teaching this particular topic.’ It’s painful. I will miss it tremendously.”

Next week, you can read a profile on Lowenthal at www.law.asu.edu.

STINSON ERECTED TO NATIONAL POST

Judy Stinson, who’s known for his eclectic footwear, displays a pair of argyle socks given to him by students.

Professor Judy Stinson, Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, will play a more prominent role in shaping the skills of tomorrow’s attorneys, due to her recent election to a post in a national organization.

In July, Stinson will become the 2007-08 president-elect of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), and a year later, she will automatically become its president.

“Professor Stinson is a terrific choice for national leadership of ALWD,” said Dean Patricia White. “She brings great organizational and analytical abilities,” Stinson said. “She brings great energy, knowledge and high intellectual standards to the position.”

ALWD is a non-profit professional association of directors of legal reasoning, research, writing, analysis and advocacy programs at law schools in the United States, Canada and Australia. The association has more than 200 members representing more than 150 law schools.

Stinson said she’s looking forward to helping further ALWD’s mission of improving legal education and the analytic, reasoning and writing abilities of lawyers. One of the ways it does that is to advocate for smaller class sizes by conducting and circulating surveys that help law schools make better staffing decisions.

“What helps the most with this program is we have incredibly wonderful writing professors, who are known nationally” and also publish books and lecture at major conferences, she said.

Stinson, who has a J.D. from the University of Arizona, joined the faculty at the College of Law 10 years ago, and she teaches in the areas of legal writing and appellate advocacy. She previously taught at the University of Illinois and practiced law for several years.

Stinson has been affiliated with ALWD for 13 years and has been a member of its board of directors for three years.

KAYE AND SAKS TO SPEAK AT FORENSICS MEETING

The National Academy of Sciences’ Committee on Identifying the Needs of the Forensics Sciences Community has invited Professors David Kaye and Michael Saks to participate in a meeting April 23-24 in Washington, D.C.

Kaye and Saks will join a program on the development and use of scientific evidence, where the scientific underpinnings, standards and protocols, and practice for techniques such as fingerprint comparisons, DNA analysis, arson investigation, tool mark comparisons and drug analysis, will be considered.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR BAR CONVENTION BOOTH

Students and faculty members are needed to volunteer in the College of Law booth at the 2007 State Bar of Arizona Convention, June 27-29 at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale. If you can help for a couple of hours or for a couple of days, (we especially need faculty, staff and students in the LL.M. programs), e-mail Janie Magruder or call (480) 727-9052.

KADER TO ADDRESS HOLOCAUST SESSION

Professor David Kader will lecture at the 2007 Silberman Seminar for Law Faculty, June 4-15 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the museum’s Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, the seminar is titled, “The Impact and Legacy of the Holocaust on the Law.” It will include presentations analyzing Holocaust-era legal developments and assessing their impact on contemporary law.

Since March, Kader has been in London on a fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, which is affiliated with the University of London.

GRADUATION EVENTS

The graduating class will have a private lunch with retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor from noon-1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, in the Steptoe & Johnson Rotunda in Armstrong Hall. RSVP ASAP to Amanda Breaux or call (480) 965-6405.

The Pro Bono Program End-of-Year Reception will be 1-3 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in Armstrong Hall. Contact Kaniatario Gilbert or call (480) 313-7554 for details.

Graduation for students in the Indian Legal Program will be 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in the Great Hall and the Steptoe & Johnson
Congratulations to the 2007–2008 Executive Moot Court Board members: Trish Stuhan, chair; Lauren Crawford and Nicole Hartley. They will join returning members Pam Hostallero, Sarah Reif and Carolyn Williams.

RACE TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Support the fight to end domestic violence by joining a team from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at a run/walk sponsored by the Arizona Foundation for Women.

The college’s Hugh Black Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta will participate in the Walk to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, April 28, at Wesley Bolin Plaza in downtown Phoenix. You can register and join the team for $26 or help the team raise funds, which will be distributed to local domestic violence shelters.

Registration for the event starts at 5:15 p.m., with a kids dash for ages 10 and under at 6 p.m., a competitive 5K run at 6:30 p.m. and a 5K non-competitive walk. Live music, a kids’ zone, food and festivities will follow at 8 p.m.

To register, go to www.azfoundationforwomen.org/dv-walk/teams.html, click on the “Join an existing team” link, search for “ASU College of Law,” click “Join,” and enter the password “law.” For more information, e-mail michelle.niehaus@asu.edu.

WHITAKER DELIVERS MORRIS LECTURE

Human understanding is impacted by handshakes, eye contact and dialect, as well as stereotypes which permeate society, an ASU professor told a College of Law audience on April 19.

Matthew C. Whitaker, an Associate Professor of History and Affiliate Faculty Member in African and African American Studies and the School of Justice and Inquiry, was the guest speaker at the annual John P. Morris Memorial Lecture.

The lecture honors John Peyton Morris, a faculty member at the College of Law from 1968-1993 who worked to foster diversity and was committed to equal opportunity and justice. The event was attended by Morris’ widow, Barbara, and sponsored by the Black Law Students Association.

Whitaker presented the topic, “Understanding Culture and Building Community.” He listed barriers to doing so and presented solutions to fighting stereotypes, which can lead to prejudice and discrimination.

“There’s no push-button solution or quick fix to any of this— you have to be in it for the long haul,” said Whitaker of urging students and other audience members to expand their comfort zones, value official and unofficial education and be humble and open minded. “It sounds cliché, but I would argue focus on having an open mind as part of your daily routine.”

He also urged going out of their way to learn about people who are different.

“We train to be great engineers, we train to be great doctors,” Whitaker said. “But we enter the work force, and many of us don’t know anything about the people we are going to be working with.”

As an example of the misunderstanding many people have, he said, “Sometimes when I tell people I’m Catholic, they look like they are going to pass out because, don’t you know, all Black people are Baptists?”

Whitaker advocated a pro-active approach of understanding others, which means acknowledging your own baggage and need to grow, striving to disagree without being disagreeable and making others feel comfortable and being someone who builds bridges.

“Our diversity is our biggest untapped strength,” he said. The lecture was opened by Professor Alan Matheson, who was a native of Pittsburgh and graduated from United Way of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was the major gifts development officer for the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. He is a native of Pittsburgh and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Political Science.

Terry and his wife, Gabriela, live in Chandler with their three-year-old son and a little girl on the way. He is an avid sports fan and has an open request for advice on how to best obtain tickets for the Cardinals vs. Stars game on Sept. 30.

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INTRO TO JOB RECRUITMENT

Career Services is offering one last workshop to introduce students to the Fall 2007 On-Campus Recruitment Program and participating employers. Preparation will take place over the summer, so plan to attend from 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Monday, April 23, in Room 105.

‘JURIMETRICS’ EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following students were selected as the new executive board for Jurimetrics:

- Matthew C. Whitaker
- Kate Coleman-Burns
- Terry McManus and Cecile Hager.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND ETHICS SERIES CONCLUDES

Stephen Gardiner, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Washington, Seattle, recently gave two presentations at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. The first was “A Perfect Moral Storm: Climate Change, Intergenerational Ethics and the Problem of Moral Corruption,” and the second “A Contract on Future Generations?”

Gardiner was the final speaker this year in the Environmental Law and Ethics series organized by Professor James Nickel. The other speakers were: Daniel Magraw, president of the Center for International Environmental Law; Daniel Bodansky, Woodruff Professor of International Law at the University of Georgia; and Dale Jamieson, director of Environmental Studies and a member of the Sustainability Task Force at New York University.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Terry McManus joined the College of Law as Director of Development earlier this month. He comes from United Way of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, PA, where he was the major gifts development officer for the Alexis de Tocqueville Society. He is a native of Pittsburgh and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Political Science.

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DUNK TANK

Professor/good sport Joe Feller takes a dip in a dunk tank on Tuesday, Tuesday, April 17, during an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Pro Bono Programs and the Black Law Students Association. Proceeds benefit the Pro Bono graduation reception, the Pro Bono fellowship program and BLSA outreach projects. The Native American Law Students Association also served delicious lunch during the event.