This is one in a series of profiles about graduating law students and their career plans. I came to law school after working as a reporter for several years at The Arizona Republic because I wanted a career that would allow me to continue writing and interviewing, but also offer more control over my job situation and a chance to contribute to the community. Plus, I love school, so I was happy to have a chance to return to the classroom. I moved out here from Maryland in 2000, met my husband and fell in love with the West, so the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law was an easy choice.

One of the best things I have done in law school is volunteering with the Advocacy Program for battered women. It is sometimes tough to make time for a shelter visit, but it is always worth it. I love thinking about how we can improve our laws and social systems, and the best ways to serve the people we talk to at night. I also really enjoyed externing for two different federal judges. There is nothing like the power trip of entering the courtroom right behind the judge, and it is fascinating to hear judges’ opinions about how they might rule and about lawyers’ strategies and conduct.

Second semester, third-year is the best. Just two classes and a part-time job at a small personal injury firm. The schedule gives me plenty of time to train for a triathlon—a last hurrah before going to work for Quarles & Brady in downtown Phoenix in the fall.

— Sarah Anchors, 3L

DIAMOND JUBILEE RECEPTION

A Diamond Jubilee Reception celebrating Professor Alan Matheson’s 75th birthday will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, in Armstrong Hall.

All friends, colleagues, staff and students are invited. Refreshments will be served and tributes will be made throughout the evening.

Please send any tributes to Laurie Vesco at laurie.vesco@asu.edu.

As part of the effort to honor Matheson, the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is raising money to support a chair in Alan Matheson’s name. The ASU Foundation has agreed to match up to $200,000. With that, the College of Law is raising money to support a chair in Alan Matheson’s name. As part of the effort to honor Matheson, the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is raising money to support a chair in Alan Matheson’s name. The ASU Foundation has agreed to match up to $200,000. With that money, the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is raising money to support a chair in Alan Matheson’s name.

Matheson, a member of the founding faculty of ASU’s College of Law, was dean of the College from 1977 to 1984, during 1989, and 1997-1998. He won the ASU Alumni Association Faculty Achievement Award for Service in 1995.

Matheson earned a B.A., M.S. in Political Science and a J.D. from the University of Utah, where he was Editor in Chief of the Utah Law Review. He was an Associate in Law at Columbia University and served as Assistant to the President of Utah State University. He is active in professional affiliations, having served on committees of the American Bar Association, the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona, the Maricopa County Bar Board, the Board of Directors of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, and the Board of Directors of Navajo Legal Services.

APPELLING ARGUMENTS

Kolby Granville, a third-year law student who will graduate in May, recently argued a case before the Arizona Court of Appeals.

The case, an unemployment insurance claim, has been in Civil Justice Clinic for more than two years and had been worked on by four different sets of students. Clinic students initially won after a full trial before an Administrative Law Judge. On appeal, the board ruled in favor of the employer. The Arizona Court of Appeals granted the Clinic’s petition for review and over the course of several semesters, numerous clinic law students worked on the appellate briefs and oral argument preparation.

Granville prepared for the argument by reviewing the case and conducting three moot trials before Professors Schatzki, Calleros, Bartels, Bender, Barnes, Dauber, and Hinshaw. Professor Catherine O’Grady supervised the case.

“I felt I heard every possible question I might be asked, from the introductory level to minuita,” Granville said. “I also sat in on Court of Appeals sessions before the panel that would hear his case to get a sense of how the judges would ask questions.

“I would say I wasn’t really nervous,” Granville said. “I got about 45 seconds into my argument before they started asking questions. It was a very active panel.”

Professor O’Grady sat at the table with Granville. Jennifer Barnes, Director of the Clinical Program, and about 15-20 law students attended, along with about 10 who had worked in the Clinic. In addition, five or six Clerks of Court attended, anxious to see a student argue in the Court of Appeals.

“I’m horribly unqualified to try to read the judges and guess what their opinion might be,” Granville said. “But I had the sense they thought the firing was unfair, but didn’t really have anything legal to hang their hat on.”

The following students have worked on the case over the past year:

Spring 05: David Burkett, Elizabeth Townsend

Supervising Faculty: Catherine O’Grady

Summer 05: Adam Cohen, Paul Rambeau

Supervising Faculty: Jennifer Barnes

Fall 05: Adam Cohen, Paul Rambeau

Supervising Faculty: M. Robert Dauber

Spring 06: Christine Roumo, Franci Fealk

Supervising Faculty: Catherine O’Grady

Summer 06: Elizabeth Roig, Ben Wiesinger

Supervising Faculty: Jennifer Barnes/Doreen Hobson McPaul

Fall 06: Kolby Granville

Supervising Faculty: Catherine O’Grady

Spring 07: Ryan O’Connor

Supervising Faculty: Jennifer Barnes

TAX PROFESSOR JOINS COLLEGE OF LAW

Marjorie Kornhauser has joined the faculty of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University from Tulane University Law School. She is teaching federal income tax and tax policy.

“Tax provides an intellectual challenge at both the technical and policy levels,” Kornhauser said. “From a technical standpoint, it’s one of the most complex and fast moving areas of the law. From a policy standpoint, it implicates critical political, social and economic issues. Tax both affects and reflects society, and its policies reflect the culture in which it is embedded.”

Her research, focusing on this intersection of federal income taxation and society, explores the philosophical, social, political, gendered and historical aspects of taxation. She enjoys helping students learn about this intersection and understand the more technical aspects of taxation.

“I’m very excited to be in Arizona and to be a member of the ASU community,” Kornhauser said. “Everyone has been extremely nice and welcoming and helpful – the faculty, staff, students, even people in the grocery store. I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with everyone at ASU.”

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“We are delighted to have Marjorie join our faculty,” White said. “She is one of the most prominent tax scholars in the United States and perhaps the leading figure writing in the history of tax concepts.”

Kornhauser’s current research projects include the role of taxation in the New Deal, voluntary taxpayer compliance (commissioned by the National Taxpayer Advocate), and taxation of the family in the United States. For the latter, she’ll lead a workshop this spring at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University from Tulane University Law School.

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Gazzaniga to Deliver Hogan & Hartson Lecture

Michael S. Gazzaniga, director of the Sage Center for the Study of the Mind at the University of California at Santa Barbara, will present "Neuroscience and the Law" at the sixth annual Hogan & Hartson Jurimetrics Lecture beginning at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, in the Great Hall.

Gazzaniga, author of The Ethical Brain (2005, Dana Press) and numerous other influential articles and important books, is a leading neuroscientist and president of the Cognitive Neuroscience Institute. He also is president of the American Psychological Society and a member of The President's Council on Bioethics.

Open and to the public, the Hogan & Hartson lecture is named for the late Lee Loewinger and the late Mary Loewinger. It is dedicated to training women and minorities for careers behind the camera.

JONES ON SHOW BUSINESS LAW

Matthew Earl Jones, a film and television director and producer, will speak on "Law, Show Business and the Dirty Truth" at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in Room 116. Lunch will be served.

Topics will include: Lawyers as managers/agents; Who's really pulling the strings; Intellectual Property rights; Did you really think the stars make all the money?; Good entertaining lawyers: Why are they so hard to find?; and a question and answer session.

Jones has extensive entertainment industry credits both as artist and producer, and has worked with Queen Latifah, Ray Charles, Jodie Foster, Leonardo DiCaprio, Angela Lansbury and Brad Pitt.

He recently established his own production company in Phoenix called Translight Pictures LLC, and he also serves as president of the Earl Jones Institute for Film & Television, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to training women and minorities for careers behind the camera.

And, yes, he is the son of actor Robert Earl Jones and half-brother of actor James Earl Jones.

Writing Your Seminar Paper

Professor Kirsten Davis will hold workshops on scholarly legal writing for law students beginning this week.

Do you have a seminar paper due this semester? Are you working on your Graduation Writing Requirement? Got a topic? How about a thesis? Started the research? Know how to organize the paper? Know how to cite in a seminar paper? Have questions about plagiarism?

This workshop will focus on understanding the nature of scholarly legal writing, choosing a paper topic, researching the topic, finding a thesis, and narrowing the thesis.

Part I: Getting Started

2:15-1:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31, Room 114

This workshop will focus on understanding the nature of scholarly legal writing, choosing a paper topic, researching the topic, finding a thesis, and narrowing the thesis.

Part II: Getting it Written

12:15-1:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, Room 116

This workshop will focus on organizing and writing the seminar paper, effectively and properly using footnotes, and avoiding plagiarism.

For more information, contact Kirsten.Davis@asu.edu.

Save the Date

March 29 -- The Navajo Nation Supreme Court will be holding oral arguments at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.