Victoria Tandy was born and raised in Manizales, a small city in the Andes Mountains of Colombia, South America. She graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. She also was a seven-time national champion of Colombia in roller figure skating, a sport she practiced for 13 years.

In 2001, Victoria came to the U.S. as part of an international exchange program. Because she did not speak English, she decided to learn the language by borrowing books from the library and asking her friends for help. Initially, she wanted to take the LSAT to test her proficiency in reading and comprehending English, but she later discovered law was her true calling.

During her law school career, Victoria has been involved in multiple activities. She clerked for Judge Donn Kessler at the Arizona Court of Appeals, was vice president of the Intellectual Property Law Students Association and the Government and Public Law Students Association, and served as a member of the Pro Bono Executive Board. Currently, she is a law clerk for the Criminal Mental Health Unit of the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office and a senior editor of Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, & Technology.

She's a volunteer translator for the Arizona Justice Project where she matches all correspondence with inmates who speak Spanish or Italian.

After graduation Victoria will work as an associate in the litigation department at Quarles & Brady in downtown Phoenix.

ASU LAW PROFESSOR BEGINS LONDON FELLOWSHIP

Armed with dozens of documents from the 400-year-old treason trial of a man accused of plotting to kill Queen Elizabeth I, Professor David Kader is headed to London for a three-month research project.

Kader has a fellowship at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, which is affiliated with the University of London. He hopes to learn more about the highly unusual arrest, trial, conviction and execution in 1594 of Dr. Rodrigo Lopez, the queen's personal physician.

The quest won't be easy: the documentary research project will be conducted in Latin and some Law French, handwritten in the calligraphy of the time. He has obtained copies of the originals, some of which are written on animal skin and housed at The National Archives in London and at other locations in Great Britain.

The saga of Lopez, who was of Portuguese/Jewish descent, has long fascinated the professor. Lopez is descended from Jews expelled from Portugal in 1493.

Kader, an affiliate faculty member of ASU's Center of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, is intrigued by the parallel characters in Jew of Malta by Christopher Marlowe and The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare.

Both plays have prominent Jewish characters and both were successful, albeit briefly, in London shortly after Lopez's trial. According to The Double Life of Doctor Lopez, a book by Dominic Green, the trial breathed new life into Marlowe's play which previously had flopped, and may have been the impetus for Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, and its main character, Shylock.

The fellowship will enable Kader to focus on the legal questions the treachery abundant in the English Court during Elizabeth's reign, and ultimately, I believe, about the treatment of "the other" in a country struggling with its own identity," Kader said. "It's a theme not so foreign to our national experience presently."

In time, he hopes to write an article or perhaps a book about his findings. But even if he doesn't solve the mystery, Kader has gotten plenty of mileage from his interest in the riddles spun by Shylock and Lopez.

He designed and taught the course, Merchant of Justice, based on the trial scene in The Merchant of Venice, at both Cambridge University and at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. In 2003, he received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to study at Oxford University, where he looked into the possible reasons for Shakespeare creating such a character as Shylock in the late 1590s, in a nation that had banned Jews 300 years earlier, and not officially readmitted them until the 17th century.

"In essence, I am asking myself, Why Shylock?" and answer, "Lopez?" I like answering a question with a question," Kader said. "I am sure more questions will follow come my time in London."

Kader will be abroad from late February through June into the world.

MOOT COURT NEWS

Congratulations to the ASU Jessup Moot Court, which recently returned from a successful regional competition at the UCLA School of Law. After four rounds of vigorous "mooting," as coach Doug Sylvester put it, the ASU squad placed third in the preliminary rounds and advanced to the semifinals (out of 14 schools and 28 teams). The team was eliminated by a very strong Cal-Western team that went on to win the regional for the second time in three years.

However, the Jessup teammates Kathryn Cobb, Todd Erb, Sarah Joornansd, Betsy Lamm and Clark Profitt were awarded "Best Memorial" at the competition. As such, they've been entered in the Dillard Competition, which brings together the top memorials from all Jessup rounds to determine the top Applicant and Respondent Memorials. From there, the top five Dillard competitors are automatically entered in the Baxter Competition to determine the best Memorials in the world. Stay tuned...
the bench, and lawyers because they can be involved in intellectual efforts to advance the state of American law, not just their clients’ interests."

The ALI has 4,085 members internationally, including elected, ex-officio, honorary and life members. About one-third of the elected members are law school faculty, while the rest are judges and practicing attorneys, said Jane Giacinto, the ALI’s membership assistant.

The Institute was founded in 1923 following a study by a group of prominent American judges, lawyers, and teachers seeking to address the uncertain and complex nature of early 20th-century American law. Today, the ALI drafts and publishes various restatements of the law and other proposals for legal reform to promote the law’s clarification, simplification and better adaptation to social needs. It also encourages scholarly and scientific legal work.

Calleros, Tosio and Weinstein were nominated by Lynk and Schroeder, an ALI member since 1972. Members are selected based on their professional achievement, demonstrated interest in improving the law, high character, ability and professional standing.

“They are the cream of the crop in the legal field nationwide, and at this point, worldwide,” Giacinto said.

Tosio is executive director of the Indian Legal Program at the College of Law, where she also is a Willard H. Pedrick Distinguished Research Scholar and a faculty fellow at the Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology. Since 1983, she is co-author of a federal Indian law casebook, American Indian Law: Native Nations and the Federal System.

Tosio received the American Bar Association’s 2002 Spirit of Excellence Award, which recognizes one lawyer a year for his or her contributions to the advancement of minority education in higher education in general, and legal education in particular,” she said.

Weinstein, a faculty member since 1986 and the Amelia Lewis Professor of Constitutional Law, is a frequent writer and lecturer on the subject of free speech and is the author of Hate Speech, Pornography, and the Radical Attack on Free Speech Doctrine. He is a visiting fellow this year at Trinity College at the University of Cambridge in England.

ALUMNA WINS HERBERGER AWARD

Alumna Laurie Herman recently won the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Herberger College of Fine Arts. Herman, who received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance in 1982, went on to earn her J.D. in 1986.

Herman has a legal practice and serves as a judge in both Tempe and Mesa Municipal Courts.

“A lot of my interest in criminal defense stemmed from the performance aspect,” Herman said in an article in a newsletter for the law college. "I saw one of the national office director of the Institute in the consultative group on software contracts, and perhaps also with a law school accreditation team.

Lynk praised Calleros for his cutting-edge research on civil rights and constitutional law. "He is one of the leaders in the practical application of that research to improve the pipeline for minority students in higher education in general, and legal education in particular," Lynk said.

The Paper Chase, an ASU publication for School Choice, on the legal and social implications of school choice will debate Clint Bolick, president and general counsel of the Alliance for School Choice, on the legal and social implications of school choice in Arizona at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, in Room 116.

HITCHIN’ A RIDE

The newly rebuilt passenger elevator in Armstrong Hall has received the seal of approval and is ready to be taken for a spin. The work was required by the state of Arizona to bring it into compliance with current codes.

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