MEET THE CLASS

Brian Harel was born in Hartford, Conn., and is the son of an Israeli immigrant. His extended family continues to live in Israel, and he has visited the country on numerous occasions, including a trip involving an interesting experience with a tomato combine. While attending Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.), he became interested in the brain and behavior and received a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience. His honors thesis examined the effects of smoking cigarettes on memory. Not surprisingly, this generated quite a bit of interest in the college community, mostly from the students. He then spent two years as a research assistant in the Genetic Epidemiology Research Unit (GERU) at the Yale University School of Medicine. His primary responsibilities included administering electric shocks to Yale undergraduate students to examine the physiological effects of fear and anxiety. In 1998, Brian entered the clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of Connecticut. After six long, but generally enjoyable years, he obtained his Ph.D. in clinical neuropsychology. His dissertation, titled “Speech Acoustics and Early Identification of Parkinson’s Disease,” explored how Parkinson’s disease changes a patient’s speech. Following graduate school, he did a one-year internship in clinical neuropsychology at the Ann Arbor VA/University of Michigan Health System and a two-year clinical neuropsychology residency in the Department of Neurology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. During this time, he became interested in the legal implications of consent and decision-making in patients with neurological illnesses, as well as the policy implications of technological development in medicine (e.g., neuroimaging). His decision to apply to law school was made when he won an LSAT prep course from Kaplan in a lottery. Brian is currently a 1L, and is working part-time as a grant writer at the Center for the Study of Law, Science and Technology. He enjoys running and cycling and completed his first and most likely last, triathlon last year. It was a harrowing experience and he nearly drowned during the swim. Brian also enjoys watching Monk and House, M.D. He believes both shows are highly educational and worthy of every law student’s time.

DID YOU KNOW?

Scott Seymann, 1L, “collaterally” won an Emmy for a Fox Theatre spot he sound-designed about six months ago. The spot won an Emmy for Best Commercial.

IMAGES OF INDIANS

North Dakota filed a lawsuit last week against the NCAA over its restrictions on using the University of North Dakota’s “Fighting Sioux” nickname. Meanwhile, Arizona officials signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians to move the team’s spring training home from Winter Haven, Fla., to Good year. Indians and images of Indians became popular throughout the 20th century for use in branding products and as mascots for athletic teams. As the 21st century began, these mascots received new scrutiny and disapproval, most recently with the decision of the National Collegiate Athletic Association to prohibit the use of certain mascots and images at NCAA-sponsored events. The use of Indian images is the focus of a conference, “Pride or Prejudice: Indian Mascots and Imagery in the United States,” scheduled for 8 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in the Great Hall in Armstrong Hall and the Sandra O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. “This issue tends to evoke raw emotional responses,” said Kevin Gover, a professor in the Indian Legal Program at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. “Indians feel mocked and stereotyped. And supporters of the mascots feel they are being called racists. But there are more subtle issues here. It’s the kind of thing that should be aired in an academic setting to encourage people to keep thinking, and maybe change their minds.” The conference will feature key players in the ongoing dispute over the propriety of Indian mascots, advocates on both sides, and will explore both the legal and ethical implications of the use of such imagery by American universities and public schools. For a full listing of panelists or to register, go to www.law.asu.edu/Mascot. Scholarships are available. Contact Kate Rosier for more information at (480) 965-6204. This conference may qualify for up to five CLE units, three of which may be applied towards ethics CLE units.

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

A Diamond Jubilee is being planned for Alan A. Matheson, founding professor, dean and friend of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, who will be 75 on Feb. 2. Please join his family, friends, colleagues, members of the legal community and former and current students in a celebration from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, at the College. There will be refreshments and roasts. Mystery guests will expose never-before-revealed details of Alan’s past. Please send any tributes, stories or photos to Laurie. vesco@asu.edu, or to Helene Fenlon or Michael Berch. In addition, the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is raising funds to establish a chair in Alan’s honor. The chair will be dedicated to a professor of law who has exhibited outstanding teaching, extraordinary service to the community, and significant scholarship to the enrichment of the legal profession. To offer your support for the Matheson Faculty Chair, please contact Laurie. vesco@asu.edu.

NICKEL HONORED AT OXFORD

James Nickel, a professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, was the guest of honor this week at a celebration at Corpus Christi College at Oxford University in England. The gathering noted the second edition of Nickel’s book, Making Sense of Human Rights, which is published by Blackwell Publishing. Blackwell states the “revised and extended edition of James Nickel’s classic study explains and defends the contemporary conception of human rights. Combining philosophical, legal and political approaches, Nickel explains international human rights law and addresses questions of justification and feasibility.” Nickel teaches and writes in ethics, political philosophy, human rights theory, and philosophy of law. He was a visiting fellow in 2004 at Corpus Christi College, which was founded in 1517 and is among Oxford’s oldest colleges.

MEDIEVAL GHOSTS

James A. Brundage, Ahmanson-Murphy Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and Courtesy Professor of Law at the University of Kansas, will speak on “Legal Ethics: A Medieval Ghost Story,” at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the Great Hall at Armstrong Hall at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. The Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Distinguished Lecture in Medieval Studies is co-sponsored by the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. This lecture will examine how, with few exceptions, both the ethical prescriptions contained in medieval admissions oaths and the behavioral rules in court statutes replicated practices current in the late Roman empire. It will briefly trace the antecedents of the medieval rules in classical Roman law and note how many of the same conventions remain in use in legal practice to this day. Brundage has published 95 scholarly articles and authored 12 books, including The Profession and Practice of Medieval Canon Law (2004), Handbook of Medieval Sexuality (1996), Medieval Canon Law (1995), Sex, Law, and Marriage in the Middle Ages (1993), Law, Sex, and Christian Society in Medieval Europe (1987), and Medieval Canon Law and the Crusader (1969). Brundage will also participate in a panel discussion called “Are the Crusades Still Relevant?” with faculty from the ASU Religious Studies Department scheduled for noon on Friday, Oct. 20, in Lattie F. Coor Hall, Room 5536. The speakers include John Carlson, associate director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict; Aurelio Espinosa, assistant professor of Religious Studies; and Mark Woodward, associate professor of Religious Studies. Brundage will also deliver the Religious Studies/ACMRS Homecoming Lecture “Violence and War in Medieval Canon Law” at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, in Lattie F. Coor Hall, room 170. This lecture will examine some of the ways in which canon law sought to limit warfare in Christian society by imposing restrictions on the use of violence and by elaborating legal theories that sought to distinguish between conflicts that the church banned, those that it permitted, and those that it positively encouraged.
FREE SPEECH IN WARTIME
A panel titled “Free Press & National Security: What is the role of a free press in a time of war?” has been scheduled for noon, Thursday, Oct. 19, in Room 114 of Armstrong Hall. Patrick Maines, president of The Media Institute in Washington, D.C., will give the opening remarks for the panel, scheduled as part of National Freedom of Speech Week. Panelists include: John D’Arms, a senior editor at The Arizona Republic; Professor Joseph Reade, College of Law, whose expertise lies in intellectual property, constitutional law, international law, and comparative legal systems; and Professor Laurence H. Winer and Orde Kittrie of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. The event is free and open to the public.

RENEWABLE ENERGY
Kris Mayes, Arizona Corporation Commissioner and an alumsna of the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, will speak at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Armstrong Hall, Room 105. Mayes will discuss the role of the Corporation Commission in our corporate legal community, as well as her current position on the Commission. Mayes, was appointed to the Corporation Commission in October 2003 and is running for re-election in November. She has focused on pipeline safety, renewable energy and natural gas issues. Mayes was born and raised in Prescott, won the prestigious Flinn scholarship, and was editor of the State Press while an undergraduate at Arizona State University. She completed an internship with the Johannesburg Star in Johannesburg, South Africa; interned in Washington, D.C., for Congressman Bob Stump; won the Truman Scholarship, the nation’s top scholarship for public service; was a national finalist for the Rhodes scholarship; and graduated valedictorian from ASU with a degree in political science. She was a reporter for the Phoenix Gazette, and later for The Arizona Republic. She covered the 2000 presidential campaign of Sen. John McCain, former Vice President Dan Quayle, publisher Steve Forbes and then-Governor George W. Bush. During this time, she co-authored a book entitled, “Spin Priests: Campaign Advisors and the 2000 Race for the White House.” She earned a Master of Public Administration at Columbia University in New York, and graduated magna cum laude from the College of Law.

IMMIGRATION: BOON OR BANE?
James Bond, a professor from the Seattle University School of Law, will discuss the topic “Immigration: Boon or Bane?” on Monday, Oct. 16, in Armstrong Hall, Room 116. Evelyn Cruz, associate clinical professor at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, will provide commentary. The event is sponsored by The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies – Arizona State University Student Chapter. Bond earned his A.B. at Wabash College, his J.D. from Harvard University and his L.L.M. from the University of Virginia. He teaches administrative law, constitutional law and criminal law at the Seattle University School of Law. He was dean of the School of Law from 1986-1993 and assumed that title again from 1995 until spring 2000. The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies is a non-profit organization comprised of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order. It is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve individual freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the legal order.

ALUMNA APPOINTED TO INDIAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION
Chief Judge Claudette White (Class of 2005), who serves the Cheyenne Tribe, has been appointed as vice president of the Arizona Indian Court Judges Association, according to a report in The Sun in Yuma. The state association is part of the National American Indian Court Judges Association, a non-profit organization primarily devoted to the support of American Indian and Alaska Native justice systems through education, information sharing and advocacy, according to its Web site. “I see this as a door opener, something beneficial for the entire tribe,” White told the paper. “I think this is a great opportunity to get our tribe’s name out there and to work with the association to develop the bridge that needs to exist between the state and our tribe.” The Sun reported that White graduated from San Pasqual High School in 1989, earned a degree in criminal science from Northern Arizona University, served as acting general manager of Paradise Casinos, and graduated from law school at Arizona State University in 2005.

WILLS FOR HEROES
A State Bar of Arizona program that provides free wills to emergency personnel in Arizona has received first place in the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division “Service to the Public” award category for bar associations with 3,000 to 8,000 members. It recognizes programs that contribute significantly to the public good and improvement of the legal profession. The Bar launched “Wills for Heroes” in January, with dozens of attorneys volunteering to assist Arizona’s first responders with their wills and estate planning documents. To date, 1,338 wills have been completed, and 31 “wills days” have been held in nine Arizona counties. The ABA Young Lawyers Division annual Awards of Achievements honors the time, effort and skills expended by young lawyer organizations in implementing public service and bar service projects in their communities. Awards are given in a broad range of categories and divisions, with affiliates divided primarily by number of members. Several students at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law have volunteered in this program. They are able to volunteer as observers to learn from the volunteer attorneys or as witnesses for the wills. The project operates every Saturday in changing locations. See http://azbar.org/WillsForHeroes/ for more details.

COPYRIGHT WINNERS
Kolby Granville and Ryan Holzer, both 3Ls, were recently selected as winners of the 2006 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. The competition, sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers, was open to students at participating law schools offering medical services of copyright law. Granville won First Prize and $600 for his essay entitled, “A Survey of Transactions and Law in Massively Multiplayer Online Games,” and Holzer won Second Prize and $250 for his essay entitled, “Peer-to-Peer: A Destructive Innovation.”

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
As part of his charge to address issues affecting “the legal profession,” Professor Myles Lynk has been actively involved for the past year in working on the legal ramifications of disaster preparedness and relief. He currently attended the first meeting of the American Bar Association’s Special Committee on Disaster Relief and Preparedness in Washington, D.C. Lynk was appointed to the committee in August. It replaced the ABA’s Hurricane Katrina Task Force, of which he also had been a member. At the recent meeting, held Oct. 4 and 5, the group met with the Department of Homeland Security officials and others to discuss implementing the lessons learned from Katrina so that other states and communities will be better prepared to meet the legal needs of their residents when disasters strike. The Hurricane Katrina Task Force was established to address the legal issues presented by the disruption of law practices in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast and the placement of residents to other states and cities after the Aug. 29, 2005, storm. Lynk was named to the Section of Business Law and was later named to the American Bar Association’s Section of Business Law. He represented the ABA at a “Legal Summit” hosted by the Louisiana State Bar in Lafayette, La., on Sept. 13, 2005. At the Summit, all federal, state and local government agencies, legal services organizations and bar associations dealing with the disaster discussed how to address the needs of the criminal justice system in New Orleans; how to provide civil legal services to the displaced residents of New Orleans; what state Supreme Court orders would be necessary to permit volunteer lawyers from other states to come into Louisiana and Mississippi to help displaced persons; and how lawyers who had been displaced by the storms to other states could keep in touch with their clients and continue to practice in states where they were not admitted to the bar. This began a year of work in which lawyers from around the country pitched in to provide pro bono legal assistance and financial aid and support to the judiciary, the bar and the residents of these devastated communities. In other related work, Lynk represents the American Public Health Association as their Observer to the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws drafting committee which is drafting the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Healthcare Providers Act. This Act is intended to make it easier for physicians, nurses and other medical and healthcare providers licensed in one state, to offer volunteer medical services during times of declared emergencies in states where they are not licensed to provide such services. Lynk also has been working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on disaster preparedness. In April 2006, he directed and moderat ed a simulation exercise of a medical quarantine at a United States airport at the CDC-sponsored 2006 Annual Public Health Law Conference and Symposium. He is continuing to work with the CDC on pro bono training for private sector lawyers to help state and local public health authorities in times of medical and biological disasters.