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New global fellowship programs launched
A new global fellowship program offers future JD students the chance to gain admission to the school and a guaranteed externship in a private firm, NGO, or nonprofit in China, India, or Latin America. Successful students will not only join future Indiana Law classes, but also receive a 50 or 100% scholarship, faculty mentorship from an expert in the area of their interest (Prof. Jay Krishnan for India; Prof. Christy Ochoa for Latin America; and Prof. Ethan Michelson for China), and the opportunity to spend the summer of their 1L or 2L year in those locations. If you know of someone with an interest in China, India, or Latin America who is also considering law school, this is the perfect opportunity for them.

Tax program welcomes Prof. David Gamage to faculty
The Law School’s renowned tax program got an additional boost at the start of the semester with the arrival of Prof. David Gamage. Gamage had been at UC-Berkeley and is considered one of the rising stars of the tax law world. He graduated from Stanford with degrees in economics and economic and organizational sociology and earned his JD from Yale Law School. From 2010 through 2012, Gamage served as special counsel to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Policy. In that position, he administered the individual income tax portfolio of the Treasury Department’s Tax Legislative Counsel, thus overseeing the drafting of all individual income tax regulations, as well as advising on new legislation and executive branch initiatives related to the individual income tax. Gamage’s position primarily involved the implementation of the tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act. We’re pleased to welcome Prof. Gamage and his wife, Shruti Rana (who has joined the faculty of IU’s School of Global and International Studies), to Bloomington.

Students get a headstart on spring semester with Wintersession

Though only in its second year, the Law School’s Wintersession program has proven to be an incredible success, with record participation by students and faculty.

The four-day, intensive curriculum allowed students to choose from 10 courses focusing on practical skills. Students returned to Bloomington a week prior to the start of the spring semester to take the one-credit hour courses, provided at no cost. For the first time, a Wintersession course was offered specifically for our graduate students, who had the opportunity to study Islamic law and human rights with Trinity College (Dublin) Professor Neville Cox.

Many alumni returned to serve as faculty members. Steve Burns, '68, and Bill Hunt, '69, returned to teach The Lawyer as Business Executive, one of last year’s most popular courses. Greta Cowart and Mike Asensio, both '85, teamed up to teach Transactional Drafting: Anatomy of a Deal. Doris Pryor, '03, led a course on Pre-Trial Litigation, and Jeff Thinnes, '84, brought several prominent guests in via Skype for his course on ethics and compliance.

Conservation Law Clinic prevails
In an important case of first impression, the Conservation Law Clinic secured a decision from the Indiana Court of Appeals that Indiana's Lake Michigan beach is open to the public, and that the public's rights to the shore lakeward of the ordinary high water mark are protected as part of Indiana's public trust obligations. Jeff Hyman led CLC's work and presented CLC's oral argument, and many classes of CLC interns assisted in representing the Alliance for the Great Lakes and Save the Dunes in the case. Read more about the case here.

In brief...

- The Tax Policy Colloquium, convened by Prof. Leandra Lederman, will take place throughout the spring semester.
- Prof. Hannah L. Buxbaum has published "Transnational Legal Ordering and Regulatory Conflict: Lessons from the Regulation of Cross-Border Derivatives." The paper is available on SSRN.
- The Law School's Spring Speaker Series will combine faculty workshop talks with the Center for Law, Society, and Culture.
- Several student groups organized and led a trip to the Women's March on Washington. Their endeavor was chronicled by several media outlets, including the Indiana Daily Student.
- Prof. Donna Nagy was quoted by the New York Times in its article on Rep. Tom Price's ties to an Australian drug maker and authored an op-ed for The Washington Post on the same issue.
- Prof. Dawn Johnsen wrote about the potential impact the Trump administration might have on our justice system for Slate.
- Prof. Charlie Geyh has been interviewed by Bloomberg Radio and NPR in recent weeks on federal judge nominees. See a full list of media quotes on our website at: www.law.indiana.edu and click on the quotation mark at right.

Upcoming alumni events
Miami -- Wednesday, February 8. La Mar; noon.
Naples -- Thursday, February 9. Naples Grande Beach Resort; 5:00-6:30pm.
Indianapolis -- Tuesday, February 21. Rock Bottom; 6:00-8:00pm.
Cincinnati -- Tuesday, February 28. Procter & Gamble; noon.
Louisville -- Tuesday, February 28. Proof on Main; 5:30-7:30pm.
New York City -- Wednesday, March 22. Kirkland and Ellis; 6:00-8:00pm.

Visit the events calendar for details as they become available and to RSVP. Contact lawalum@indiana.edu for further information.