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BUXBAUM PROMOTED AND TENURED

To the delight of her colleagues, students, and the entire Law School community, Professor **Hannah Buxbaum** has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of full professor through a vote of the Indiana University Board of Trustees. The Promotion and Tenure Committee lauded Buxbaum's research for its creative contributions to private international law. Dean Robel noted that Professor Buxbaum "has discovered and articulated new insights into judicial treatment of economic regulation of international transactions and formulated practical and theoretical alternative solutions to problems in international conflicts law. She has a special knack for seeing juxtapositions that others fail to see. Especially impressive are her treatment of antitrust in statutory and private contractual contexts and her comparison of choice of law with choice of forum." Buxbaum also won praise for her teaching. Dean Robel noted that she is the only untenured faculty member ever to be awarded the Law School's Wallace Teaching Award.

WILLIAMS GIVES IU LECTURE WEDNESDAY

Professor David Williams, the John S. Hastings Professor of Law, has been designated Indiana University's Distinguished Faculty Research Lecturer for 2003. Williams's lecture, "Civic Constitutionalism, the Second Amendment, and the Right of Revolution," will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, in the Moot Court Room.

This year, Yale University Press published Williams's new book, *The Mythic Meanings of the Second Amendment: Taming Political Violence in a Constitutional Republic*, which one reviewer described as "an unusually deep, truly serious book on the complex questions raised by the Second Amendment and the visions it suggests of an armed American citizenry." In his lecture, Williams will explore the ways in which citizens view the Constitution not as a juristic

document, but as a civic text that constitutes the American citizenry as a people. He will argue that this view of the Constitution is a necessary backdrop to an adequate understanding of the Second Amendment, which protects the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

After Wednesday, a video of this lecture can be downloaded from the Research and University Graduate School Web site at www.indiana.edu/~rugs/orindex.html.

IU RANKED IN TOP 15 PUBLIC LAW SCHOOLS

In the latest rankings of the top 100 American law schools from *U.S. News and World Report*, the IU School of Law Bloomington was ranked 15th among public law schools, and 38th overall. The criteria for rankings include peer assessments, assessment scores by jurists, undergraduate GPAs and LSAT scores, acceptance rates, student-faculty ratios, graduate employment percentages, and bar passage percentages.

FACULTY DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT CLIMATE

At a standing-room-only meeting last Tuesday, April 15, Law School faculty discussed the current employment atmosphere for graduating students. Faculty members focused on how to help IU law students secure jobs in a poor economy. Among the topics were current and historical employment statistics, student employment survey responses, and how employment and student responses affect *U.S. News* rankings. Faculty members discussed strategic planning for Career Services and long-range improvements, in addition to the employment landscape facing the current graduating class. Graduating students are encouraged to contact any professors who may be of help to them in their job searches.

EVENTS & LECTURES

PATTEN LECTURER PATRICIA WILLIAMS ON IU CAMPUS THIS WEEK

Patricia J. Williams, columnist and James L. Dohr Professor of Law at Columbia University, will give two IU Patten Foundation Lectures on the IU campus this week. Williams, considered one of the most provocative intellectuals in American law, will present "Images, Illusions, Ideals" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, in the Whittenberger Auditorium of the IMU. She will present "But Fear Itself ..." at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, in room 100 of Rawles Hall. The Patten Foundation Lecture is sponsored by the William T. Patten Foundation.

Recognized for her compelling application of literary and legal theory to current events and contemporary culture, Williams is a prominent scholar in the areas of race, gender, law, and legal theory. In Williams's own words, "Racism is an enormously subtle perceptual matter. Understanding its conventions involves figuring out how to insinuate one's way through all sorts of well-guarded hierarchies Finding a door *in* is a trick of social vision as much as it is of legal remedy or political recourse." Williams, who received her BA from Wellesley College in 1972 and her JD in 1975 from Harvard University, has published many articles and essays in academic journals and the popular press, including her regular column in *The Nation*. Her books

include *Seeing a Colorblind Future: The Paradox of Race*; *The Alchemy of Race and Rights*; and *The Rooster's Egg*.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

STUDENT NEWS

LAW STUDENT CHALLENGING SEAT BELT LAW

Third-year student **Marc Abplanalp** has a case pending in the Monroe circuit courts in which he's challenging a seat belt ticket on the basis that the law as it is currently interpreted and enforced in Monroe County violates Indiana's Constitution. Abplanalp has filed a request for a bench trial, a motion to dismiss, and two memoranda in support of his motion. Per Indiana law, copies of all of the pleadings have been sent to the Indiana attorney general. Abplanalp's bench trial before Judge Kellams on Friday, April 11, was rescheduled after the prosecutor read the second memorandum and subsequently requested a continuance until Wednesday, May 23.

IT'S A BOY!

Third-year student David Wilford and his wife, Missy, are happy to announce the birth of their new little boy, John David Wilford, who was born Friday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 21.5" long. Missy and baby are doing well.

NEWS FROM CAREER SERVICES

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR B710 AND SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FORMS!

Don't forget to turn in your B710 forms and your employment forms to the Career Services office. Let us know what you'll be doing this summer!

NEWS FROM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CHILD ABUSE VIGIL TUESDAY EVENING

Students from the Children and the Law Discussion Group will be involved in the Prevent Child Abuse Monroe County Vigil, to remember the 70 plus children who died in Indiana last year as a result of child abuse. The vigil will begin at the Sample Gates at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, with a procession to the Monroe County Courthouse, where Judge Viola Taliaferro will be the keynote speaker. All students and faculty are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCRP WILL HOST COMMUNITY MEDIATION TRAINING IN MAY

The Community Conflict Resolution Program (CCRP) is hosting a Community Mediation training program from May 11 to May 21 at the Law School. Law students who participate in the training program, which is sponsored by the CCRP and the Citizens for Community Justice (CCJ), will be eligible to gain experience as mediators. For applications and information, contact CCRP via e-mail at ccrp@bloomington.in.us or call Lisa-Marie Napoli at 855-1618.

SCHEDULING EVENTS

ALL e-mail about reserving classrooms must be sent to BL-LAW-EVENTS. Mail must be sent to the correct address, bl-law-events (for Outlook users) or bl-events-law@exchange.indiana.edu (for non- Outlook users). Please include the date and time of event, length of time room will be needed, classroom requested and number of people attending event. Requests should be sent at least one week before the event and include the name of the person requesting, the organization planning the event, and an e-mail address. Confirmations will be sent by reply e-mail. Thank you!

AUDIO - VIDEO SERVICES

Requests for AV services may be sent to Beth at av@exchange.indiana.edu. Please include the name of your group and the e-mail address of the contact person, a description of what you want to do, and the date, location, starting time and duration of the event. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance and will be confirmed by e-mail.

CALENDAR

April 21:

April 22: Child abuse vigil, 6 p.m., Sample Gates

Patricia Williams, "Images, Illusions, Ideals," 7:30 p.m., Whittenberger Auditorium, IMU

April 23: David Williams, IU Distinguished Faculty Lecture, 3:30, Moot Court Room

April 24: Patricia Williams, "But Fear Itself ... ," 7:30 p.m., room 100, Rawles Hall

April 25:

For more upcoming events, visit www.law.indiana.edu/calendar/calendarevents.shtml.

ILA: Please visit our Web site at www.law.indiana.edu/publications/ila/ilacurrent.shtml. The ILA is published every Monday with news about the coming week. If you have questions about an item appearing in the ILA, please contact Lesa Petersen (e-mail: petersen@indiana.edu ; phone: 856-4044).

Submissions: Information and articles for the ILA should be submitted by **Friday at 3 p.m.** for inclusion in Monday's edition. Please e-mail all submissions to ila@indiana.edu.