



UC HASTINGS LAW

Academic Dean and Professor of Law

MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty
Fr: Morris Ratner, Academic Dean
Date: August 1, 2017
Re: Welcome Back!

I hope you have had a productive and refreshing summer and that you are ready to begin the 2017-18 academic year. I write with news about upcoming events and new faculty.

Please also be on the lookout for Associate Academic Dean Jeff Lefstin's message with important information for fall 2017 course planning, Associate Dean for Research Scott Dodson's message about upcoming faculty colloquia and other events, and Assistant Dean for Academic and Professional Success Stefano Moscato's update regarding Orientation and new academic success innovations and support.

You should also have received a copy of Evan Lee's June 6, 2017 email attaching a memorandum from me regarding new teaching and testing requirements for bar classes. If you teach a bar class and do not recall seeing that memorandum, please reach out to me.

For additional information, please visit the [Academic Dean's](#) webpage, which contains valuable resources that answer many of the usual questions about the dates and times of faculty meetings and events, committee assignments, the academic calendar, faculty rosters, our Faculty Rules and Regulations, the Faculty Guidebook, and the Course Catalog.

I. EVENTS

Academic Dean's Office Open House. Please come by our office to enjoy refreshments, ask questions, mingle with our staff, and celebrate the new academic year, on the following dates:

- Thursday August 24th, 3 - 4 pm; and
- Friday August 25th, 10 - 11 am.

Individual Faculty Meetings. I hope to meet with each of you individually during the fall semester. Roz Foy will be in touch with you to schedule a 1:1 meeting with me.

Regular Faculty Meetings. The first meeting is on Friday August 25th in the ARC. Please make sure to attend our faculty meetings this year; [click here](#) for the current schedule. Our faculty committees will tackle important matters this year, including:

- Curriculum committee will update the 2011 Dodge memorandum that provides the foundation of our curriculum and teaching loads;
- Ad Hoc Committee on 1L Writing, chaired by Dave Owen, will evaluate and recommend possible changes to our legal writing program;
- Academic Standards, chaired by Karen Musalo, will consider proposed changes to various Academic Regulations, including additional changes to our writing requirement; and
- Faculty Finance, chaired by Abe Cable, will evaluate and report on the state of our finances.

This is just a sampling of the work to be done by our faculty committees this year.

Faculty Brown Bag Lunch Meeting on Class Scheduling. We will also have an informal faculty brown bag lunch meeting October 3, 2017, Noon – 1 p.m. in the ARC, to discuss block scheduling, including how well it has worked and how it can be improved. Please save the date!

Faculty Teaching Colloquia. You will receive separate notices regarding upcoming faculty teaching colloquia, including:

- Stefano Moscato will lead a discussion on September 6, 2017, 3:30-4:30 in the ARC regarding teaching legal analysis, during which he will introduce faculty to the text being used for that purpose in Orientation and the Sack professors' 1L legal analysis modules;
- Camilla Tubbs will lead a training session on October 4, 2017, 3:30-4:30 in the ARC, regarding how to use the clicker technology "Poll Everywhere," which allows students to respond in real-time to in-class questions using their computers or smartphones; and

Prior faculty teaching colloquia are available to be viewed in the Faculty Resource Page on Canvas. If you have not yet been invited to join that page, please contact Roz Foy (foyr@uchastings.edu).

Retreats. We have two retreats this year.

- At the Board-Faculty retreat on September 15, 2017, immediately following a 1 p.m. brunch buffet at The Palace Hotel in San Francisco, we will situate a conversation about alternative approaches to tuition discounting within a broader discussion of the future of UC Hastings. Directors, deans, and all regular faculty are invited to attend.
- Our spring faculty retreat, on a date to be determined, will provide a space for us to have an extended discussion with the Curriculum Committee regarding our curriculum and teaching loads.

II. NEW ROLES AND FACES

New Faculty.

Please join me in welcoming our new tenure-track faculty:

[Emily Murphy](#), Associate Professor of Law, murphyemily@uchastings.edu. Emily will teach Contracts and Evidence this year. Her research focuses on the intersection of neuroscience, behavioral science, and the law. Emily earned her A.B. (*magna cum laude*) in Psychology from Harvard University, her Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology from University of Cambridge, Trinity College, as a Gates Cambridge Scholar, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School. Emily is located in office 392, 200 McAllister.

[Binyamin Blum](#), Associate Professor of Law. Binyamin will be joining us in January 2018. Binyamin will teach Evidence and Criminal Law. He joins us from the Law Faculty of the Hebrew University, where he earned his B.A. and LL.B. (*summa cum laude*). Following graduation, Binyamin clerked for the Honorable Justice Ayala Procaccia of the Israeli Supreme Court. He went on to earn a doctorate in law and an M.A. in history as a Presidential Fellow at Stanford University. Binyamin's research focuses on the relationship between law and colonialism during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He is currently working on a book project, provisionally titled "Forensic Culture in the Age of Empire" which examines the colonial origins of forensic science and crime scene investigation. Binyamin will be located in office 342, 200 McAllister.

Please also join me in welcoming our new lecturers:

[Betsy Candler](#), Lecturer, candlerbetsy@uchastings.edu. Betsy is formerly the Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program for LL.M. students at Berkeley Law and a UC Hastings adjunct professor. She will continue to teach a mediation clinic at UC Hastings, but will also help us round out our suite of "Law and Process" hybrid doctrinal/legal analysis courses. Betsy is located in office 329, 200 McAllister.

[Erin Clarke](#), Writing Lecturer, clarkeerin@uchastings.edu. Erin joins us after having spent more than a decade teaching legal writing at UC Berkeley School of Law. Erin will teach 1L legal writing courses and help to staff the Legal Writing Resource Center. She is located in office 460, 198 McAllister.

[Jennifer Freeland](#), Academic and Professional Success Lecturer, freelandjennifer@uchastings.edu. Jennifer, a UC Hastings alumna, joined us after the start of the year last year. She will co-teach legal analysis modules with 1L Sack professors in the fall and spring semesters and will offer other academic skills instruction. Jennifer is located in office 371, 200 McAllister.

[Margaret Greer](#), Academic and Professional Success Lecturer, mgreer@uchastings.edu. Margaret, a UC Hastings alumna, joined us last year, and quickly assumed front line responsibility for all of our bar success efforts. Margaret will run bar skills programming and teach Critical Studies I. Margaret is located in office 323, 200 McAllister.

[Juan Carlos Ibarra](#), Academic and Professional Success Lecturer, ibarraj@uchastings.edu. Juan Carlos joined us after the start of the year last year. He will co-teach legal analysis modules with 1L Sack professors and teach “Law and Process” versions of doctrinal courses. Juan Carlos is located in office 373, 200 McAllister.

[Jessica Vapnek](#), Global Programs Advisor and Lecturer, vapnekjessica@uchastings.edu. Jessica brings decades of international and legal experience to her work at UC Hastings. She joins us after having spent the past several years as Regional Technical Director at Tetra-Tech DPK, where she worked on rule of law projects. Prior to her time at Tetra-Tech DPK, Jessica was a Legal Officer for the UN Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome. As Lecturer and Global Programs Advisor, she will teach legal writing to our LL.M. students, advise both LL.M. and foreign exchange students, assist with the administration of global programs, and teach other courses. Jessica is located in office 327, 200 McAllister

Visiting Faculty and Professors from Practice. Please extend a warm welcome to the following visiting faculty who will be with us during 2017-2018 academic year:

[Dana Beldiman](#), Professor in Residence/Visiting Professor, beldiman@uchastings.edu. Dana is a partner at Squire Patton Boggs and a visiting professor at the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany and the Riga Graduate School in Riga, Latvia. Dana will be joining us in spring 2018. Her office location is TBD.

[Matthew Coles](#), Professor from Practice, colesm@uchastings.edu. Matt is a celebrated civil rights lawyer. Before joining the UC Hastings faculty, he was Deputy National Legal Director at the ACLU, responsible for the organization’s work on race, voting, disability, and immigration. Before that, Matt was Director of the ACLU’s national LGBT Project. He is located in office 346, 200 McAllister.

[Reza Dibadj](#), Visiting Professor, dibadjr@uchastings.edu. Reza is a Professor and Dean's Circle Scholar at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Reza's research focuses primarily on corporate and securities law. He is located in office 206, 198 McAllister.

[Francis McGovern](#), Visiting Professor, mcgovernfrancis@uchastings.edu. Francis is a Professor of Law at Duke Law School, Francis is a premier practitioner, scholar, and teacher in the field of alternative dispute resolution, with special emphasis on resolution of mass claim litigation. He will be joining us in spring 2018. He will be located in office 376, 200 McAllister.

[Margaret Russell](#), Visiting Professor, russelma@uchastings.edu. Margaret is an Associate Professor of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law. She has been a member of the Santa Clara University School of Law faculty since 1990, and is affiliated with the University's Center for Social Justice & Public Service, the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, and the Center for Multicultural Learning. She is located in office 342, 200 McAllister.

[Robert Schwartz](#), Visiting Professor, schwartr@uchastings.edu. Robert is a UCSF-UC Hastings Consortium stalwart, and Emeritus Professor of Law at University of New Mexico School of Law. Robert researches and teaches in the field of health law. During the fall semester, he will be located in office M202, 198 McAllister.

[Shanin Specter](#), Professor from Practice, Specters@uchastings.edu. Shanin is a preeminent American trial lawyer and a founding partner of Kline & Specter, one of the leading catastrophic injury firms in the United States. He is located in office 372, 200 McAllister.

[Jon Sylvester](#), Visiting Professor, sylveste@uchastings.edu. Jon is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Graduate Law Programs at Golden Gate University. Jon's research interests include contract law and arbitration. He is located in office M214, 198 McAllister.

[Michael Zamperini](#), Visiting Senior Professor of Law, zamperin@uchastings.edu. Michael has taught at UC Hastings since the early 1990s. He is located in office 333, 200 McAllister.

New visitors to UC Hastings:

[Thomas Greaney](#), Visiting Professor, greaney@uchastings.edu. Tim is the Chester A. Myers Professor of Law Emeritus at the Saint Louis University School of Law. Tim is a nationally recognized expert on health care and antitrust law. He is located in office 316, 200 McAllister.

[Kate Jastram](#), Visiting Professor, jastramkate@uchastings.edu. She is a Lecturer in residence at UC Berkeley Law School. Kate is an expert on refugee, migration, and human rights law. She is located in office 320, 200 McAllister.

[John E.B. Myers](#), Visiting Professor, myersjohn@uchastings.edu. John is a Professor of Law at University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. In addition to being a law professor, John is a practicing family law attorney who represents abused and neglected children and victims of domestic violence.

I want to give an especially warm welcome to [Dan Lathrope](#), lathrope@uchastings.edu, the E.L. Wiegand Distinguished Professor in Tax and Academic Director of the Graduate Tax Program at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Dan is visiting this fall term, but is part of the extended UC Hastings family, having previously served as Academic Dean at UC Hastings, where he was a Professor of Law.

I hope you will reach out to each of our new faculty and visitors to welcome them to UC Hastings.

Sullivan Professors. We would like to thank our “retired” faculty members that are returning to teach this year as Sullivan Professors.

[Mark Aaronson](#)

[George Bisharat](#)

[Marsha Cohen](#)

[Bill Hutton](#)

[David Jung](#)

[Charles Knapp](#)

[David Levine](#)

[Shauna Marshall](#)

[Mellissa Nelken](#)

[H.G. Prince](#)

[Bill Wang](#)

New Dean. Let's congratulate [Stefano Moscato](#) who began serving as Assistant Dean for Academic and Professional Success in June.

Faculty Moves. Several faculty members moved during the summer months:

Mark Aaronson to 310, 100 McAllister (temporarily)

George Bisharat to 216, 198 McAllister (temporarily)

Greg Cochran to 210, 198 McAllister (temporarily)

Lisa Faigman to M208, 198 McAllister (temporarily)

Robert Schwartz to M202, 198 McAllister (temporarily)

Margaret Greet to 323, 200 McAllister

Evan Lee to 342, 200 McAllister

New offices and phone numbers will be posted on the AD's website.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Evan Lee, who served as Acting Academic Dean this past academic year with skill and good humor. Fortunately, though Evan is on sabbatical this semester, he will be available to continue to provide wise counsel, and has also agreed to complete his work associated with a WASC accreditation site visit this fall. I also want to thank Melissa Nelken, who

expertly coordinated our Summer Legal Institute this past summer, through which we taught twelve classes to 132 students, with the help of our regular and adjunct faculty and terrific staff. Finally, many thanks to those of you who are helping with orientation the week of August 14!

Welcome back!