



## UC HASTINGS LAW

Acting Provost & Academic Dean and Professor of Law

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 academic year. I hope you are refreshed from your summer and ready to begin the new year. Our students, faculty, and staff appreciate the deep experience and insight you bring to our classrooms, and we're grateful you're on board.

Please pay special attention to Associate Academic Dean Jeff Lefstin's regular messages about students, classrooms, and academic rules and regulations to make sure you, and your students, stay on track this year.

In the spring, we'll have an adjunct appreciation event to recognize your contributions; more information about that will be coming soon. We have added an exceptionally gifted group of new adjunct faculty to our ranks, including:

- Matthew Avery
- Elias Bachelder
- Laura Chiera
- Juliana Fredman
- Christopher Fromm
- Thomas Greene
- Sara Harrington
- Henry Hauser
- Claire Johnson Raba
- David Kemp
- Sierra Martinez
- Shawn Miller
- John Mills
- John McGaraghan
- Tuhin Roy
- Kari Rudd
- Marc Siegel
- Laurel Simmons

This year, our Educational Effectiveness Committee will again coordinate faculty visits to your classrooms and support of your teaching. Last year, we performed a more truncated adjunct review and

8 members of our permanent faculty visited 10 adjuncts, enabling us to evaluate and provide feedback about teaching. On a related note, students completed PACE (Professor and Course Evaluations) surveys for the third semester using Kscope: 2,911 PACE surveys were completed for Spring 2016. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to access PACE or contact Faculty Support for assistance. They are an important window into how your efforts are translating into students' perceptions and understanding.

**Seating Charts.** UC Hastings is proud to be your twenty-first century law school, and to implement user-friendly and accessible technological tools wherever possible. To that end, we will continue to make the "SeatGen" web-based photo seating chart system available for all courses beginning in the Fall 2016 semester. Before classes began, students were required to access "SeatGen" to assign themselves to a seat in each class. Faculty may implement reasonable penalties for failure to sign up on SeatGen. Note that faculty may opt out of the photo seating chart for seminars, clinics, and other small classes.

- To access student photos and your class seating chart through SeatGen, please [click here](#) for instructions.
- Please refer any technological problems, or suggestions or concerns, to our IT staff, by sending an email to [helpdesk@uchastings.edu](mailto:helpdesk@uchastings.edu). Please put "SEATING CHART ISSUE" in the subject line. IT expects to be able to respond to such helpdesk emails within 24 hours, and often more quickly.

Faculty support is familiar with this program and can help you learn its functions as well. Thank you for your support and have a great semester!

**Academic Dean's Office Open House.** If you happen to be in the neighborhood, please come by our office during any of the below times to enjoy refreshments, ask questions, mingle with our staff and celebrate the new academic year.

Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 am – 11 am

Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 11 am

Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 11 am

Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 11 am

**The Academic Dean's Webpage.** The webpage can be found [here](#) and contains valuable resources that answer many of the usual questions about the dates and times of events, committee assignments, academic calendar, faculty rosters, faculty rules and regulations and the course catalog.

All best for the new academic year,



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