

On November 15, 2006, Civil Justice Clinic staff and students not only celebrated two staff birthdays, but more importantly, the Hastings Faculty's vote for TENURE for our beloved Professor Ascanio Piomelli. Ascanio has been with CJC from the beginning. He has taught many semesters of the Individual Representation and the Group Advocacy and Systemic Reform clinics, handling more than 100 cases since CJC's inception in Spring 1993. More recently, Ascanio and Academic Dean Shauna Marshall co-teach the Public Interest Concentration Seminar each semester. Of this milestone event in his career, Prof. Piomelli writes:

"It was quite an honor - not to mention a relief - to be voted tenure. I very much appreciate the faculty's recognition of, and kind words about, my teaching, scholarship, service, and reputation in the field.

"It's an honor that I owe in large part to the support and assistance of my fabulous present and former teaching colleagues - Shauna Marshall, Miye Goishi, Mark Aaronson, Donna Ryu, Randi Mandelbaum, Nancy Stuart, Eumi Lee, and Gail Silverstein - who have offered much wise advice and picked up much slack for me. It's an achievement that would not have been possible without my wife, Joanne Lee, who took on so many responsibilities at home to enable me to focus on scholarship and teaching. I recently mentioned to Joanne that when I met her in 1997, I had written 6 unpublished pages (after several years of 'thinking'), and now, thanks to her positive influence, I've published more than 300 pages of what we jokingly refer to as 'big thoughts.'

"Without understating the exhilaration of receiving tenure, I must say that it is primarily meaningful to me because it makes it possible for me to continue to do a job that I love: working closely with students to jointly explore how best to help move the world in a more just direction, one relationship at a time. The chance to continue working with fabulous students and clients in whom I believe is a gift I treasure every day. Thanks to all of you for being part of the CJC community that so enriches my life."