Week of: February 16, 2015

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Chapman Dialogue Associate Dean Mohamad Hakimi, Room 237A at 11:30 a.m.
Bell, Democracy, and the Law Panel, Room 237AB at 6:00 p.m.

Friday
Sunday SBA Meeting, Room 379 at 5:00 p.m.

Statement from the Chapman University Fowler School of Law Muslim Law Students Association on the Tragic Killings in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on February 10, 2015

The Muslim Law Students Association (MnSA) at Chapman University, Fowler School of Law is shocked and saddened by the heinous killings of three young American Muslim students in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on February 10, 2015. Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha (21), and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha (19) were professional students like us, dedicated to serving their local and global communities.

In the aftermath of this tragedy, the Chapman community should come together to resist unfurling targeted of all racial and faith-based communities, including the Muslim community. MnLSA has joined 150 civil rights, faith, community, and advocacy groups urging the Department of Justice to conduct a federal investigation as to whether this was a hate crime.

To read the full letter and list of signatories, click here: http://www.muslimadvocates.org/150-civil-rights-faith-groups-ask-federal-investigation-of-chapel-hill-murders/

Candlelight Vigil

Please join us for a Candlelight Vigil in honor of Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha who were killed near the campus of Chapel Hill last Wednesday. This MONDAY, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. Gather in front of the Fish Interfaith Center, near the Altalla Piazza.

Good News!

The Chapman Law Review is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Executive Board for the upcoming 2015-2016 year:

Editor-in-Chief: Rachel Greenberg (2L)
Managing Editor: Trevor Sullivan (2L)
Production Editor: John Evans (2L)
Senior Articles Editor: Thomas Mann (2L)
Senior Articles Editor: Alexa Stephenson (2L)
Senior Notes and Comments Editor: Jade McKenzie (2L)
Senior Symposium Editor: Andrew Still (2L)
Senior Symposium Editor: Jillian Talcott (2L)
Senior Symposium Editor: Daniel Ferguson (2L)
Senior Symposium Editor: Kristen Dziekan (2L)
Senior Symposium Editor: Michelle Ackerman (2L)
Senior Symposium Editor: Alana Shaw (2L)

Please join us in congratulating these individuals on all the hard work and dedication they put in over the last year to earn these positions. We are excited to see them carry on Chapman Law Review’s legacy for excellence and scholarship.

Safety First—Help Us Keep The Law School Secure

Please help us keep the law school a safe place to learn and work. Here’s how you can help:

Do not prop open any doors or do anything to block the locking mechanisms. (This is a University Student Conduct Code violation.)

If you see anyone in the building who does not belong here, please report this to Public Safety or the security guard. The security guard will now be stationed in the student lounge.

Please program the phone number for Public Safety into your phone.

Carry your student ID card with you at all times. You will need your card to get into the building when it is locked to the public and to gain entry to the library on the weekends. If your card does not work and you need to get in, call Public Safety. Follow up thereafter with Miguel to get your card re-coded.

Important: Graduation Committee Announcements

The Graduation Committee is seeking students that are interested in participating at the graduation ceremony on May 22.

Students interested in performing the national anthem should set up a time to audition. Auditions will be held on March 12 on the top floor of the Barrera parking structure. Candidates are required to perform the national anthem through vocals, instruments, or both. Please note that duos and trios must audition together. Interested students should email Kareen Sassounian at sassounian010@chapman.edu for an audition time slot.

Students interested in delivering the graduation speech will be delivered to members of the legal community, faculty members, and
families. The speeches, identified by authors, will be posted on TWEN to be reviewed and voted on by the graduating class. Speeches will be due by 5:00 p.m. on March 20 to Ian Jones at ijones@chapman.edu. Voting will occur soon thereafter.

Cap and Gown Ordering: Please visit the bookstore in Bhathal by Friday, February 20 to order your cap and gown for the graduation ceremony. Orders will begin to be available for pick up on April 27.

Finally, be on the lookout for Class of 2015 apparel and other graduation festivities

Study Abroad Cambridge Program
Want to study law in Cambridge, England, this Summer? The application deadline for the Study-Abroad Summer Program in Cambridge is March 2nd. This has been a very popular program with former students, and it is jointly sponsored by Paton College School of Law, and South Texas College of Law.Houston. It runs this summer from June 28 - July 5, and students will live and study in Sidney Sussex College - one of Cambridge University’s residential colleges. Founded in 1596, Sidney Sussex College is located in the center of this stunningly beautiful and historic city. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a total of 5 units of law school credit. The courses offered this summer are: The English Legal System and the European Union: A Comparative Overview, Comparative Data Privacy Law, International Law of Art, Cultural Heritage, and Antiquities; and Law of the European Union. Tuition is $3,589, and housing in college is $4,600, including breakfast and lunch on class days. There is a $250 application fee, that will be applied to tuition once accepted. Send questions and applications to Prof. Michael D. Floyd, program director, at lawintl@chapman.edu. He can also be reached at 205-726-2304. For the full on-line brochure, application and calendar go to http://www.studio-94-photography.com/college/chapman-university-school-of-law/. Specialized photographers will be on hand so buy your tickets as soon as possible. Don’t miss out on the university’s 20th anniversary Barrister’s Ball.

Student Writing Competition
The California Bar’s Public Law Section seeks entries for its annual Student Writing Competition. The competition provides students an opportunity to publish an article in a statewide publication, the Public Law Journal, and to win a $2,000 cash prize. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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The WRIT is Available Online
Deleted your copy of The WRIT from your email Inbox? No problem. Editions of The WRIT are archived on the law school website at http://www.chapman.edu/law/publications/the-writ.aspx. If you have any questions please contact Ian Jones at ijones@chapman.edu.

WRIT Submissions
Submissions for the WRIT are due by 12 Noon on the Friday before you want your submission to be published. Please email your submissions to chapmanwrit@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 16

Tax Exempt Organizations: Wait, This is a Job?

Please join the Tax Law Society on Monday Feb. 16th at 12:00 p.m. in Room 147 for a conversation with Brian Yacker of YH Advisors. Mr. Yacker will be speaking on what it is like to practice in exempt organizations, work in international tax, and how to transition from working for a big four. Lunch will be provided.

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Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

The Saint Thomas More Society would like to invite everyone to Ash Wednesday on the 18th of February at the Chapel on the main campus here at Chapman at noon. We all know, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please join us there! http://www.catholic.org/office/lent/ashwed.php

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Thursday, February 19

Chapman Dialogue Speaker: Associate Dean Monica Hakimi

Associate Dean Monica Hakimi from the University Of Michigan School Of Law will be our next Chapman Dialogue speaker. Her presentation is entitled, “What’s the point of International Law?”. She teaches and writes on public international law and U.S. foreign relations law. She is particularly interested in the informal and operational aspects of the international legal process and in the ways in which international law adapts to contemporary challenges. Much of her research addresses those issues in the contexts of human rights law, the law of armed conflict, and the law governing the use of force. All dialogues are in Room 227A. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP at this link http://www.uchamkinlaw.org/events/the-chapman-dialogue/ Lunch is provided.

Bell, Democracy, and the Law Panel – Deconstructing Bell Conference

“Corruption on steroids” is what Los Angeles District Attorney Steven L. Cooley called the scandal in Bell, California, a working class community of 35,000 people in Los Angeles County. City Manager Robert Rizzo was being paid a total of 1.5 million dollars in wages and benefits; and the assistant city manager Angela Spaccia and police chief Randy Adams were making one half million dollars in salaries and benefits— grossly more than their counterparts in neighboring cities. What can we learn from the Bell fiasco? What’s broken and how can it be fixed? Was the scandal in Bell unique? Or, did Bell lay bare problems that may be present in other local municipalities.

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Sunday, February 22

Student Bar Association Meeting

The Student Bar Association will hold its next general meeting on Sunday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. in room 379. All students are welcome to voice comments, concerns, or suggestions for the upcoming semester.

coming next week ...
**Monday, February 23**

**St. Thomas More Society Speaker: Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.**

Fr. Robert Spitzer of the Magis Institute will be speaking as part of the law school’s Diversity Week on the subject on Faith and Reason: Religion in an Era of Science and Secularism on Monday, February 23 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 237B. Father Spitzer, in addition to being a member of the Catholic clergy, is also a scientist, professor, and past president of Gonzaga University from 1998-2009. He has made multiple media appearances including: Larry King Live (debating Stephen Hawking, Leonard Mlodinow, and Deepak Chopra on God and modern physics), the Today Show (debating on the topic of active euthanasia), The History Channel in “God and The Universe,” and a multiple-part PBS series “Closer to the Truth.” He has also appeared on dozens of nationally syndicated radio programs. Lunch will be provided.

**PILF General Meeting**

Come join PILF for our Spring General Meeting at 12:00 p.m. in Room 142 on Monday, February 23. We will be discussing the PILF 2015 Silent Auction Gala and how to apply for Summer Grants through PILF for your public interest job!! Lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday, February 24**

**Spring 2015 Student Town Hall**

Students are invited to meet with Dean Campbell, Dean Kacer, and other members of the law school administration at 12:00 p.m. in the lobby of the law school under the portraits of the former deans of the law school. There is no set agenda. We hope that you will stop by and share your concerns, suggestions, or praise at this semester’s student town hall meeting. Please feel free to bring your lunch.

**Thursday, February 26**

**Multi-Religious Panel: Practicing as a Religious Attorney**

On Thursday, February 26th, at 11:45 a.m. in Room 237A, the Muslim Law Student Association, the Jewish Law Students Association, and the Christian Students Law Society are hosting a multi-religious panel that will explore what it’s like to practice as a religious attorney. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Jonathan Lee if you have any questions at leej666@mail.chapman.edu.

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**Bar Exam Fingerprinting, Student Lounge at 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**PILF General Meeting, Room 142 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Student Town Hall Meeting, Law School Lobby at 12:00 p.m.**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Registration for the July 2015 Bar Exam is Quickly Approaching**

The first day to register for the July 2015 California Bar Examination is only four weeks away—Monday, March 2, 2015. If you want to make sure you get your preferred location, and you want to be near your friends and classmates, plan to apply online at 12:01 a.m. that morning! Many classes before you have done exactly that—there have all gone onto the State Bar website and registered at one minute after midnight, and they have found themselves where they wanted to take the exam, and with their friends. Taking the bar exam under familiar circumstances such as having those you often take exams with can be very helpful, so make sure you set your calendar (and possibly your alarm) for midnight on March 2 to make sure you get to be where you want to be in July.

Moreover, this will avoid paying more than necessary—the fees for registration increase after April 1, 2015. The website to use to apply to take the California Bar Exam is https://www.calbarxap.com/applications/calbar/California_Bar_Exam, but you cannot apply until 12:01 a.m. on March 2–so keep this information and refer to it at that time.

Once you have registered and gotten your site, IMMEDIATELY make your hotel reservations for a nearby hotel—one from which you can WALK to the bar exam, not bus up quickly, so don’t wait. Also, check with the hotel to see if they offer a discount for bar exam takers—many of them do, particularly in Ontario, where a number of our students have taken the exam in the past.

**Founders Day Presentations**

The Office of Church Relations’ biggest event of the year, Founders Day, happens March 13-14. We have a visiting scholar on Friday, March 13. Dr. Rick Lowery will do three lectures on Friday using major texts from Genesis as a way to explore principles of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights. All of the Friday lectures are in Wallace All Faiths Chapel and are free to the Chapman community.

Here are the lectures and start times, each lecture being 75 minutes including questions.

**Friday, March 13, Wallace All Faiths Chapel in the Fish Interfaith Center**

10:45 am. Lecture: 1 Article – Dignity and Rights (Genesis 1)
1:30 pm. Lecture: 2 Article – Reason and Conscience (Genesis 2-3)