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School of Law Alumni Dinner – pre-1975. Friday 6 May, 2016

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A great time to be at Leeds

With exams over and the School's staff eagerly anticipating another opportunity to beat the students at the annual cricket match, it is a good moment to reflect on the past year.

While league tables are not everything, and what really matters is what we do, it has been very pleasing to see the School feature in the top 10 in England and Wales in both the Times / Sunday Times league table and the Complete University Guide. The challenge now is to maintain and improve on this position, and that will, for a number of reasons, be tough. However, the tables do, in my view, reflect what my colleagues and you have achieved over the last few years. We are one of the very top law schools in the UK and we should be proud of that.

While league tables are important and cannot be ignored, it is the everyday reality of life here that really matters. You, our students, have achieved much this year of which you and we can be proud. It is invidious to pick out specific achievements but both LawSoc and CrimSoc have had excellent years with wonderful presidents and committees. I wanted particularly to congratulate LawSoc on being shortlisted for Society of the Year in the NUS UK Awards. Bren McCarthy has been an exceptional president but, as he would be first to acknowledge, all of the committee have worked incredibly hard to make this one of the most successful years ever for the Society.

Academically, it has been a very good year for my colleagues with several prizes, awards and honours being conferred on them. Two significant new developments worth noting, which speak centrally to what our School is about, are the launch of the Disability Law Hub and the inaugural conference of our joint research centre in commercial law with East China University of Politics and Law (ECUPL). Our Disability Law Hub houses the largest group of experts in the field of disability law in the world. Led by Professor Anna Lawson, their research is world leading but perhaps most important is the impact they are having on improving the lived experience of disabled people. Do read more about the work of the Hub on the School's website. Our joint research centre with ECUPL, one of the top Chinese law schools, is again path-breaking. We are the first UK law school to launch such a centre and it speaks powerfully of our international reach and reputation.

Engagement with our alumni and the wider community also lies at the heart of what we do. We have had several successful alumni events this year and are looking forward in the next month to a reception at the House of Lords. Those graduating this year will become part of that community and we will provide you with many opportunities to stay in touch. We want to be able to celebrate the successes of alumni, and there are many, because of course their successes redound to our benefit. Of course it cuts the other way as well, if the School succeeds the value of a Leeds degree increases!

So far as engagement with our wider communities is concerned I did want to mention two new ventures that we look to build on over the years ahead. The launch of our innovative law clinics is an important initiative for the School. All those who have been involved are to be congratulated but I did want to thank Lydia Bleasdale-Hill in particular for all that she has done. We have also seen the very successful launch of StreetLeeds, the first collaborative StreetLaw project. The originality and potential of this programme was deservedly recognised by being shortlisted for the Attorney General / Law Works 'Best new student pro-bono activity'.

In short, it has been a pretty good year. I want to thank you, our students and all of my colleagues, both my colleagues both academic and support, for all you have done. You make this a very special place to work and it is a fantastic time to be part of the School because of that.

Alastair Mullis
Head of School



Alumni find themselves in our finalists photo display



Adam Crawford, Anna Barker and David Churchill on Woodhouse Moor

Have your say on Woodhouse Moor

Woodhouse Moor, often referred to as Hyde Park, sits right on the edge of the University of Leeds campus, directly opposite the School of Law. Students are among the most regular visitors to the park, especially during the summer term and end-of-exams celebrations.

But how much do you know about the history of the Moor? What is it that makes the park such a treasured spot for so many students? And how can we ensure that it remains a valuable and accessible green space for all?

A team from the Universities of Leeds and Bradford are researching the past, present and future of public parks in Leeds, and they are calling upon students at the University of Leeds to help them by sharing their experiences of Woodhouse Moor. They want to hear your views on the park, as well as your hopes and fears for its future.

Acquired by the council in 1857 to improve public health in the city, Woodhouse Moor was commonly known as 'the lungs of Leeds.' The move to purchase the park was triggered by 'encroachments' upon the space; parts of the land were being parcelled off for development, and rumours circulated that a substantial section might be given over to the army as an encampment. A grass roots campaign in support of a public park gathered momentum, spurred by a sense of threat to the Moor's heritage. By the end of the nineteenth century, the Moor was widely used for a variety of purposes, including sport (mainly cricket), musical concerts and political meetings. Yet there were still fierce debates about how the park should look, who it was for, and who would have to pay for it.

'The Future Prospects of Urban Parks' project examines the social significance, role and prospects of parks as places of social mixing in cities, from the Victorian era to the present day. As well as considering the changing role of parks over time, the research team want to think about the ways in which parks might be regulated and used in the future. Current issues such as cuts to local services, the rise in mental health problems, and climate change – to name just three – all have implications for the way that parks are run in the future. The team want to uncover a diversity of experiences and opinions about the future of the city's parks and green spaces.

They are also looking for historic images of any Leeds parks up to World War II, and images of different aspects of park-life in contemporary times. A selection of these images will be uploaded to LEODIS, a public online image archive run by Leeds Libraries and Information Service, and will form part of a broader exhibition on Leeds parks at the Roundhay Park Visitors Centre in Spring 2017.

- Upload a photo of your experiences in the park at leedsparksproject.wordpress.com
- Give your views – arrange a time by emailing futureofparks@bradford.ac.uk, or fill out the form on leedsparksproject.wordpress.com
- See us in the Leeds University Union on 6 June, or at our park events over the summer
- Look out for our citizens survey on parks in September
- Follow us on twitter, @leedsparksstudy, for project updates
www.bradford.ac.uk/social-sciences/sociology-criminology/research/the-future-prospects-of-urban-parks/

Students support members of the community with free legal advice

School of Law students are enjoying the opportunity to work alongside solicitors and barristers in providing free, face-to-face advice in housing, employment and family law to members of the Chapeltown community. The School of Law is partnering with legal professionals and third sector organisations in order to help people to access legal advice which they could not otherwise afford.

Lydia Bleasdale-Hill, Associate Professor and Director of Clinics, said: "It is incredibly exciting for the School and its students to be able to collaborate with legal practitioners and community organisations in providing this service. Cuts to legal aid have left many members of the public unable to access legal advice, so we're delighted to have developed a scheme which can make a real difference to the lives of many in Leeds.

The School is very grateful to have the support of solicitors and barristers from Simpson Millar LLP, Broadway House Chambers, and Zenith Chambers, all of whom are giving their time to Citizens Advice Chapeltown and PATH Yorkshire on a pro bono basis.

The Clinics are currently in a pilot phase, but have already received positive feedback from everyone involved with them. Once the pilot phase of the Clinics has concluded we will seek to involve more community organisations and to roll these clinics out across the city."



N8 Policing Partnership

The N8 Policing Research Partnership has published its first Annual Report detailing the past activities and future plans for this major collaboration between universities and policing partners across the North of England, which is being led from the School of Law at the University of Leeds. Copies of the 2015/16 Annual Report are available from: <http://n8prp.org.uk/>



Leaders in Disability Law

The University of Leeds is set to be a leader in the field of disability law with the launch of a Disability Law Hub.

The new hub will be dedicated to research on disability law, as well as offering a wide range of teaching expertise at undergraduate, Masters and doctoral levels. Specialist areas include mental health and capacity law, disability equality law, care law, international disability rights law, disabled victims of crime, and the relationship between disability and areas of law such as contracts, torts and intellectual property.

Forming one of the largest groups of disability law scholars in the world, the hub will be headed by Professor Anna Lawson and will comprise nine legal academics and several PhD researchers.

At the launch event at the University on 15 April, Professor Anna Lawson said: "I studied law at the University of Leeds in the 1980s because it was the only university that offered a transcription service for blind students. Thirty

years later, I am proud that my alma mater has taken a leadership role in recognising disability law as an important area of legal research and scholarship and very excited about working with my wonderful colleagues in this area."

Two new Professors of Law and Social Justice have recently joined the School of Law and become members of the hub. Luke Clements is an expert on social care law whose Chair is endowed by the charity Cerebra. He is a practicing solicitor who has taken many of the landmark discrimination cases to the European Court of Human Rights.

Oliver Lewis joins the School of Law while retaining his position as Executive Director of an international human rights charity, the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre. He has worked in some 20 countries in Europe and Africa on strategic litigation and advocacy which advances equality, inclusion and justice for people with mental health issues and learning disabilities.

Lord Colin Low, Chair of the School of Law's Advisory Board has said: "When I taught law at

the University of Leeds in the 1970s and early 1980s I did not imagine that the School of Law would one day establish a Disability Law Hub. I am delighted that its scholars have a range and depth of expertise that will be invaluable in closing the gap between the rhetoric of human rights and the lived experiences of disabled people around the world."



Professors Anna Lawson and Oliver Lewis

Moving on up... the league tables

The School of Law has been ranked 10th in England and Wales in The Complete University Guide's subject listing for 2016/17. This is a significant improvement when in 2015 the School was ranked 18th in the UK. This positive increase was also recognised by The Times/Sunday Times back in October 2015 when they placed the School at 13th in the UK.

The Complete University Guide has become an increasingly important league table for prospective students. The ranking, which includes 127 institutions, is based on 10 measures: student satisfaction, research quality, research intensity, entry standards, student-to-staff ratio, spending on academic services, spending on student facilities, good honours degrees achieved, graduate prospects and completion.

Head of School, Professor Alastair Mullis said: "We have made great progress in the last couple of years, thanks to our improvement in National Student Survey results, our REF score (Research Excellence Framework) and improvement in employability results. As ever, there is still more that we can do but overall there is much for my colleagues and our students to be proud of. www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/

StreetLeeds nominated for 'Best New Student Pro Bono Activity'

The StreetLeeds pro bono initiative has been nominated under the category 'Best New Student Pro Bono Activity' in the LawWorks & Attorney General Student Awards 2016. The awards incorporate the Access to Justice Foundation award for an educational body or student which has made a significant contribution to promoting access to justice.

StreetLeeds was launched in October 2015 as a collaboration between the University of Leeds, BPP University Law School, Leeds Beckett University, University of Law, and a number of chambers and law firms across the city of Leeds. The initiative was set up in response to the growing demand for legal knowledge from the Leeds community.

The 10th annual LawWorks & Attorney General Student Awards took place on Thursday 28 April 2016. The Awards celebrated the best pro bono activities undertaken by law students and law schools in the UK and the positive impact they have had on society.

Unfortunately, on this this occasion, the prize did not come back to Leeds but the School of Law is extremely proud of the staff and students involved and look forward to seeing the project develop in the coming years.



The RT Hon Attorney General, Jeremy Wright QC MP

School to host major law conference

The School of Law has been announced as the host of the Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference for 2019.

The Socio-Legal Studies Association is the leading UK organisation promoting and supporting discussion between law, social sciences, and the humanities.

The announcement was made at this year's conference on the 6 April, and came after a competitive tendering process. This year's conference saw a strong attendance from the School, with fourteen people from the University of Leeds presenting at the conference, including nine presentations from Post Graduate Researchers.

Professor Alastair Mullis, Head of School, commented: "The School of Law at the University of Leeds has a strong commitment to the exploration of how law can address the inequalities that exist in society and ensuring that resources are shared more equitably. It is therefore a huge honour and pleasure to have been selected to hold the SLSA conference in 2019. We look forward immensely to welcoming delegates to what will, we hope, be a memorable event."

Inaugural conference for the China-Britain Joint Research Centre

On the 14-15 March 2016 the School of Law hosted the inaugural conference on Chinese and English Commercial Law organised by the China-Britain Joint Research Centre on Commercial Law (CBRCCL). CBRCCL was launched in Shanghai on 19 November 2015 by the founding partners; the Centre for Business Law and Practice at the School of Law, University of Leeds, together with the Institute of Economic Law at East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL). This new joint research centre is the culmination of several years of close collaboration between the School of Law at Leeds and ECUPL led by former Head of the School of Law, Professor Roger Halson who remarked that the Centre 'provides a unique platform to promote comparative research between China and Britain in the commercial law field.'

The conference was opened by the Hon Lord Dyson, the Master of Rolls, who is the second most senior Judge in the UK and a former member of the Supreme Court, the UK's highest appellate court, ECUPL Vice President Professor Gongyun Gu and Professor Alastair Mullis the current Head of the School of Law at Leeds. Papers were then presented by academics from Mainland China, Hong Kong and the UK in three streams; Commercial Contract law; Corporate Law; and Financial Regulation. Keynote addresses were delivered by 5 speakers from Leeds and the same number from ECUPL. Conference participants included academics from Australia, South Africa and the United States.

Professor Alastair Mullis, said 'This is the first conference of its kind in the UK, and cements the School's commitment to internationalisation and developing the collaboration with ECUPL'.

Both institutions are committed to holding a joint conference each year and plans are already underway for the 2017 conference which will be held in Shanghai.



Key delegates from the China-Britain Joint Research Centre



From left: Louise Ellison, Sam Lewis, Adam Crawford, Mrs Brenda Dawtry, Richard Peake, Clive Walker and Alastair Mullis

An unexpected gift

The annual Frank Dawtry memorial lecture took place at the School of Law on Monday 9 May 2016.

Frank Dawtry was born in Sheffield in 1902. He was the general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers (NAPO), and was awarded an OBE for his contribution to the work of the National Association. In 1963, the University of Leeds conferred on Frank the degree of Master of Arts, in recognition of and to honour the significant contribution he made throughout his lifetime to criminal justice and penal reform.

The Frank Dawtry Memorial fund was later set up to establish a lasting memorial at the University of Leeds to Frank's achievements. The endowment is for a lecture to be given annually by a prominent speaker to address one of the following topics: "the treatment of offenders; the prevention of crime; and the administration of justice."

Ahead of this year's lecture, Frank's OBE, including medal and certification from 1967 was generously donated to the School of Law by a member of his remaining family. The School gave thanks for this generous gift in a ceremony that took place prior to the talk. This year's lecture was entitled 'Tackling Cyber Crime' and was delivered by Dr Jamie Saunders (Director of the National Cyber Crime Unit) on Monday 9 May.

Previous speakers have included; the Right Honourable Jack Straw, Professor Rod Morgan the former Chair of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, (in 2008) Peter Neyroud the then Chief Executive of the National Policing Improvement Agency, Dame Anne Owers, the then Chief Inspector of Prisons, Professor Abby Petersen (University of Gothenburg, after 2011) Professor Stephen Farrall (Sheffield University 2012), Professor Tim Newburn, London School of Economics (2013) and Professor Betsy Stanko OBE (2015).

As this distinguished list demonstrates, this memorial lecture address has been delivered not only by those eminent in their field but also by those who are able to straddle the concerns of research, policy and practice, in order to shine a light on pressing criminal justice issues.

School joins Pan-European Seal Professional Traineeship Programme

The School of Law has been invited to join the Pan-European Seal Professional Traineeship Programme.

This scheme has been set up by the European Union's Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO), two of the world's largest intellectual property offices.

Universities invited to join this programme will be entitled to shortlist up to five students per Office per academic year.

Out of these shortlists, the EUIPO and the EPO will select the best candidates who will be offered paid 12-month traineeships at one or other of these Offices.

More information will be available later this year.

New Staff News



Sarah Humphreys
Co-ordinator:
Legal Advice Clinics

My role involves...

Providing administrative support to the Director of the Legal Advice Clinics. I liaise with volunteer students, legal professionals and members of the local community to ensure the smooth running of the Clinics. Additionally, I provide support to the Centre for Legal and Criminological Education within the School.

Before working in the School of Law...

I was a further education tutor, predominantly in prison education. I taught ICT and a range of personal and social development courses.

The best part of my job is...

Meeting and working with lots of different people, both in the School and around the city.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

At my sewing machine. I am a keen quilt-maker and fabric-hoarder! I also teach patchwork, quilting and textiles classes. Like most quilters, I'm a cat lady, and share my home with a large ginger tabby.



Andrew Francis
Professor of Law

My role involves...

Teaching and Research. I'm really excited by our new second year module "Lawyers, Ethics and Society", which will draw on the research interests I share with colleagues on the regulation and organisation of the legal profession.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

Of the excellent colleagues doing interesting work on the legal professions and in legal education. There's a brilliant opportunity, located in one of the largest legal centres outside London, to do something genuinely distinctive here.

The part of my role I am most looking forward to is...

Taking the newly established Centre for Innovation & Research in Legal Education forward. Colleagues here are thinking about legal and criminal justice education in creative and enthusiastic ways. We've got a brilliant platform to connect the varied aspects of our work with students (from before they arrive to after they graduate), and ensure that it is underpinned by cutting edge research.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

On a bike.



Elies Van Sliedregt
Professor of
International and
Comparative
Criminal Law

My role involves...

A combination of teaching, supervision and research activities. I teach at both undergraduate and postgraduate level in criminal law, international law and international criminal justice. My interests lie in comparative law research into principles of law, such as the presumption of innocence, the principle of culpability and dual criminality in extradition law.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

Professor of Criminal Law at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) and Dean of the Faculty of Law. I am currently a member of the board of governors of Tilburg University; the university where I also obtained my doctoral degree.

The best part of my job is...

There is not just one thing. Research is what drives me and teaching gives me great satisfaction. I also find it a great privilege and rewarding to supervise PhD students. The independence of an academic is, I think the thing I cherish most.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

In Harrogate, where I will be running, swimming or cooking. Three of my biggest hobbies.



Dan Burn
Research Officer

My role involves...

Working as a researcher, in a team based at the University of Leeds and the University of Sheffield, on a project funded by the College of Policing, Home Office and HEFCE Police Knowledge Fund, to develop a greater understanding of restorative justice principles relevant to policing and the research evidence base that informs good practices that are sensitive to the needs of victims.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

Living and working in London. I spent almost a decade working in predominantly research roles at the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse, and then in the Drug Treatment and Recovery Team at Public Health England.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

Sharing my observations of fatherhood with rooms full of strangers, via the medium of stand-up.



Hilary Sommerlad
Professor of Law
and Social Justice

My role involves...

A mix of teaching and research. I am currently teaching Legal Pluralism on the Jurisprudence module and contributing to the development of a module on Lawyers, Ethics and Society. My research interests are legal professional culture, and the impact of macro level changes from the nature of the state and understandings of citizenship to the increasing diversity of people doing law work.

Before working in the School of Law...

I was Research Director of the Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research, University of Birmingham.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

Of its excellent reputation, because there are a lot of colleagues with whom I share research interests, and because my home is in West Yorkshire and many years ago I practised law here.

The best part of my job is...

Being part of the Centre for Law and Social Justice, attending the exciting seminars we host, meeting new colleagues and collaborating on the development of new research projects.



Joanne Hawkins
Lecturer in
Business Law

My role involves...

A combination of research and teaching. My research looks at issues of regulation in the context of new technologies (such as fracking). Next year I will be teaching a postgraduate course on how and why we regulate as well as continuing to teach Land Law to undergraduate students.

Before working in the School of Law I was...

At the University of Bristol, where I was a PhD researcher and land law tutor.

The best part of my job is...

Getting to explore new issues in legal research and sharing my ideas with colleagues and students.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

Wandering on the moors with my dog!

Staff News

Professor Andrew Keay has just had published the latest edition of *Insolvency Legislation: Annotations and Commentary*, 5th ed, Jordans, that is written with Louis Doyle, a barrister, and which includes commentary from Professor Gerard McCormack on international insolvency.

Dr Paul Wragg was asked to speak to members of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, on Wednesday 27 April, about developments in privacy law. Paul, who specialises in media law and press regulation, addressed the recent controversy over the injunction granted to an unnamed celebrity involved in an extra-marital affair.

Dr Henry Yeomans was recently invited to present his paper 'Author Meets Reader Session – Alcohol and Moral Regulation', at the Socio-Legal Studies Association annual conference, University of Lancaster on 6 April. Henry also presented 'Taxation as an Alternative to Prohibition: The Regulatory Implications of the History of Alcohol Taxes in Britain', at the 'Prohibition: Global Humanities Perspectives' at Warwick University, 23 March.

Dr Carly Lightowers is co-investigator on a successful N8 Small Grant bid put in by colleagues at the University of Manchester to work with Greater Manchester Police exploring their data on Human Trafficking. The project is entitled 'Mapping the Contours of Human Trafficking'.

Dr Gauthier De Beco presented on 'Independent Mechanisms for Monitoring the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' at the International Conference organised by the Centre for Legal Resources (CLR) and the Romanian Senate Human Rights Commission in Bucharest on 29 March.

Professor Graham Dufield was invited by the United Nations' World Intellectual Property Organization to speak to diplomats at a seminar on international instruments relating to intellectual property and genetic resources. The results of the seminar, taking place from 26-27 May, will feed into high-level discussions on drafting a possible international treaty on genetic resources and traditional knowledge.

Emeritus Professor Clive Walker was acknowledged in the First Report of the Independent Reviewer (David Anderson QC) on the operation of 'the power to remove citizenship obtained by naturalisation from people with no other citizenship' published by the UK Government on 21 April. Clive has been funded in his role as Independent Reviewer's Special Adviser by the Home Office since 2011.

Professor Adam Crawford has been invited to join the Editorial Board of the *British Journal of Criminology*. He had previously been an Editorial Board member between 2002 and 2010 but stepped down to take up the role of Editor in Chief of the journal *Criminology and Criminal Justice*, a position which came to an end in late 2015. He is also on the Editorial Board of the newly launched *White Rose Universities Press*. www.universitypress.whiterose.ac.uk/

Professor Oliver Lewis was a guest speaker at the United Nations in Geneva on Tuesday 19 April. Oliver is the Executive Director of the Mental Disability Advocacy Bureau (MDAC) and presented ideas on community living in relation to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. He was asked to discuss the key challenges in the transition from institutionalisation to the use of support services in the community.

Dr Subhajt Basu, Associate Professor in Information Technology Law (Cyberlaw) presented a paper entitled 'Consent and Healthcare' at the 28th Annual Conference of British and Irish, Law, Education and Technology Association (BILETA), of which he is Vice-Chair. Subhajt also chaired two sessions at the conference: "*Privacy, dignity, reputation, death...*" and "*CyberTurfing, journalists and youth*".

Professor Rita De La Feria has been honoured as an 'outstanding women in tax' by *Tax Notes*. Rita is one of ten women named and was heralded for "influencing the shape of international taxation [...] it is the international network she has developed through teaching, speaking, and writing that has enabled her to influence the work of legislators, tax administrators, and judiciaries all over the world."

Professor Louise Ellison took part in a panel discussion hosted by the Department of Philosophy at the London School of Economics on 16 May. The panel was entitled 'A Right to Be Believed? Testimony in Sexual Abuse Cases'.

Dr Sarah Brown has recently been promoted to the position of Associate Professor. Head of School Alastair Mullis said: "This promotion was thoroughly deserved. Sarah is an excellent colleague in all areas of her work. Her teaching and student support is impeccable. In research terms, she is establishing herself as a genuine leader in her field."

Staff News



Norma Martin Clement at the IALS European Law Deans Forum 2016

Representing the School of Law abroad



Norma Martin Clement

The School of Law is a member of the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) which is a private, non-political, non-profit, organisation.

It is an association representing more than 155 law schools and departments from over 55 countries with more than 4,500 law faculty members. One of the primary missions of the IALS is the improvement of law schools and conditions of legal education throughout the world. In 2013 IALS adopted the Singapore Declaration setting out Global Standards and Outcomes of a Legal Education and building on this adopted the Madrid Protocol setting out Principles of Evaluation of Legal Education in 2015.

As part of that process, Norma Martin Clement represented the School in leading panels and a Study Group on Family Law at the Global Law Deans' Forum and Annual Meeting in Madrid and Segovia in October 2015.

Norma also chairs the Faculty Innovative Curriculum Awards Committee for the IALS.

The next stage of the IALS mission is to build up the knowledge base to implement both the Singapore Declaration and the Madrid Protocol focusing on systematically evidencing the practice and institutional condition of legal education, capitalising on the power of the IALS network to inform and pursue improvements at a global level.

As preparation for the next Annual Meeting in San Francisco in October 2016, four regional Law Deans' Forums have been taking place this spring. Norma Martin Clement represented Leeds at the European Forum hosted by the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Gdansk, Poland.

Norma presented a paper on a panel entitled: Envisioning the Future of Legal Education Globally – Inside the Crystal Ball. Participants at the Forum included Law Deans and Heads of School from Italy, Switzerland, Lithuania, Croatia, Russia, Jordan, and the Czech Republic.

Corporate Governance in China



Professor Andrew Keay presented a paper, "An Analytical Study of Board Accountability in Transnational Codes of Corporate Governance" at the International Corporate

Governance and Law Forum on 25-26 April 2016, which was held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The paper analysed the way that transnational codes, such as the OECD code of corporate governance principles addresses the accountability of boards and evaluated their shortcomings in this respect.

Together with Professor Gerard McCormack, Professor Keay presented a paper, "A Study on a New Approach to Business Failure and Insolvency" at the Insolvency Lawyers' Academic Forum on 18 March 2016 in Oxford. The paper draws on the work that McCormack and Keay have done with Associate Professor Sarah Brown and Judith Dahlgreen as part of a report written for the European Commission on substantive insolvency laws in the EU and the divergence that exists in relation to these laws.

Professor Keay has just been appointed as one of the editors of the Bankruptcy and Personal Insolvency Reports, now published by LexisNexis and both the Supreme Court of Victoria and the New Zealand High Court recently cited his work. Read more online:

www.law.leeds.ac.uk/news/

UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



Dr Iyiola Solanke spoke to civil servants from across Whitehall on Monday 21 March 2016 to celebrate the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The UN adopted the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in 1965. Every year, 21 March is a day to reflect upon the impact of this legal

instrument in international law. This event, held at the Houses of Parliament, was attended by civil servants from across government and featured Dr Solanke as a keynote speaker. Dr Solanke provided a historical context for the legal regulation of racial discrimination in the UK, presenting the 'Matrix of Racial Violence' developed in her book *Making Anti-Racial Discrimination Law* (Routledge, 2011).

The matrix categorises manifestations of racial discrimination as either covert personal (e.g. micro aggressions) or covert institutional (eg. promotional procedures) violence and overt personal (eg. a colour bar) or overt institutional (eg. slavery, national socialism) violence. Dr Solanke gave an overview of legislative developments from the Race Relations Act 1965, up to the Amendment in 2000 and the creation of the Equality Act 2010. Drawing upon recent research from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), she illustrated that, despite the legal reforms, there remains much room for improvement. She suggested that tackling the stigma of race might now be necessary to effectively address racial discrimination in society. www.civilservice.blog.gov.uk/

Social Mobility at the Inner Temple

Professor Andrew Francis was invited to speak at a seminar held at the Inner Temple to explore the 'Role and Responsibilities of Employers and Professional Associations in Social Mobility' on Friday 22 April 2016.

This followed an evening reception on 21 April to mark the launch of a Research Report, supervised by Professor Francis and undertaken by Dr Elaine Freer, which evaluated the operation of Inner Temple's Pegasus Access Scheme. The Research Report and seminar discussions highlighted the enduring barriers to accessing the professions facing those from non-traditional backgrounds, but also drew attention to a series of outreach interventions. The discussions also emphasised the importance of maintaining an active dialogue between all stakeholders, but particularly the professions and universities. Professor Francis has research interests in the regulation and organisation of the legal profession, which is a key area of strength for the School of Law at the University of Leeds.

The School of Law also has strong connections with the Inner Temple with three of the Inn's Associate Academic Fellows based here – Professor Francis, Dr Iyiola Solanke and Dr Paul Wragg.

'Outstanding' doctorate

Samantha Halliday was awarded a doctorate (Dr. Iur) by the Justus-Liebig Universität Giessen on 27 January 2016. Her thesis, 'Constructing the Foetus as a Patient: A Comparative Analysis of Compelled Obstetric Intervention' and public defence were both graded *summa cum laude* (outstanding).

The thesis considered the way in which technology has come to dominate the modern experience of pregnancy and childbirth, but instead of empowering pregnant women, technology has been used to identify a second patient, the foetus, characterised as a distinct entity separate from the pregnant woman, with its own needs and interests. Often, the interests of the foetus and the woman will be aligned and their care intertwined; nevertheless, in legal and medical discourses the two 'patients' are frequently framed as antagonists with conflicting interests.

Drawing on the law in England and Wales, the United States of America and Germany, Dr Halliday considered the tension between a pregnant woman's autonomy and medical actions taken to protect the foetus, addressing circumstances in which courts have declared medical treatment lawful in the face of the pregnant woman's refusal of consent, the potential liability for a derivative crime of omission and the existence of a duty to accept treatment for the benefit of the foetus.



Professor Emeritus Clive Walker pictured bottom left

Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

Professor Emeritus Clive Walker was a co-organiser of a symposium on 'Emerging Challenges in Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing' at Notre Dame Law School, Indiana, USA on 29 April 2016.

The event was organised as part of a major grant from the Arts & Humanities Research Council on *Dirty Assets: Experiences, reflections, and lessons learnt from a decade of legislation on criminal money laundering and terrorism financing*. The event was held in Notre Dame's Main Building, and was hosted by Jimmy Gurulé, professor of law at Notre Dame and former US Department of Treasury expert.

The symposium brought together experts, practitioners and policy makers from the United States, England, Canada, and the United Nations to discuss emerging issues related to money laundering and terrorist financing. Professor Walker gave a paper on 'European Initiatives to Combat the Financing of Terrorism'.

This event was the fourth in the AHRC funded series, and the research presented throughout the series is now being compiled into a new handbook on money laundering and terrorist financing law to be published by Ashgate next year.

Showcasing Research

Professor Adam Crawford, in his capacity as Director of the Leeds Social Sciences Institute (LSSI) launched a series of short film interviews with social scientists from the University about their research and its impact. This included an interview with Professor Anna Lawson of the School of Law and Director of the Centre for Disability Studies. Anna spoke about how her dog's tail represents her work around access to justice for children with learning difficulties and mental health conditions. www.lssi.leeds.ac.uk/showcase/



Professors Adam Crawford and Anna Lawson

Lord Denning Scholarship for LLM graduate

One of our excellent LLM students Jodie Eldridge, who graduated with distinction in 2015, has been awarded a Lord Denning Scholarship to cover the cost of her Bar Professional Training Course for 2016-17.

"I have always wanted to pursue a career at the Bar, and following the completion of my LLM in International Banking and Finance Law at the University of Leeds, I joined the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, and applied to study for the Bar Professional Training Course at BPP Leeds.

I completed the considerably lengthy application form for the, merit based, Hardwicke Entrance Award, and the Lincoln's Inn Major BPTC Awards, and was quite quickly offered the Entrance Award; which covers Inn admission, call fees and certain qualifying session charges, plus one sitting of the Bar Council Aptitude Test. To my surprise, I was then called for an interview for the Major BPTC Awards; and as I had applied to study at a School outside of London, I was given the option to be interviewed in Manchester.

The interview was fairly short, and was conducted by a panel of two barristers, one judge, and a member of the Lincoln's Inn Treasury Committee; who, quite thankfully, were much less intimidating than I had expected! Six very long weeks later, I received an email to inform me that I was being awarded a Lord

Denning Scholarship of £14,700 to contribute to my BPTC fees.

I have faced financial pressures throughout the entirety of my academic life, and am currently taking a year out, working two jobs, to save for the BPTC. This scholarship has removed that additional burden, and will allow me to focus on succeeding in my studies. Most significantly, my academic journey has taught me the importance of self-belief: regardless of one's background or financial situation, studying at the Bar is a truly viable option for anyone who is sufficiently determined."



LLM graduate Jodie Wildridge

Law alumni recognised at Global Freedom of Expression Awards

Two PhD graduates from the School of Law were awarded prizes at the 2016 Columbia Global Freedom of Expression awards in New York on 14 March 2016.

Professor Yaman Akdeniz and Associate Professor Kerem Altıparmak, now both working for Turkish universities, were recognised for bringing a successful action to the European Court of Human Rights following the blocking of Youtube access by the Ankara Criminal Court in Turkey.

Together with Attorney at Law Serkan Cengiz, the trio challenged the court's decision on the grounds that banning access to entire websites amounts to censorship in contravention of Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

Cengiz, Akdeniz, and Altıparmak persuaded the ECHR to recognize that victims of this kind of censorship include individuals, who can legitimately claim that their right to receive and impart information and ideas, have been affected even if they are not directly targeted, establishing broad user rights for further legal challenges.

When studying at the University of Leeds both Yaman and Kerem conducted their research under the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies.



Kerem Altıparmak and Yaman Akdeniz

Women of Achievement Awards



Emma McNamara

On International Women's Day, 8 March 2016, I was delighted to receive one of 16 Women of Achievement Awards given to women across the University for various academic achievements.

Back in 2014 I won the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) award for 'learning in families and communities' at the Involve Yorkshire and Humber ceremony. I was also fortunate enough to win the 2015 University of Leeds Access Programme Award. To gain another prestigious award in 2016 has made me very proud to be a student at the School of Law.

I have recently taken some time out of university due to personal circumstances,

however I will be back in September to finish my degree. Both the School of Law and the University has been highly supportive and I am looking forward to my return. My time at the Law School has been great. I have reached places I didn't think possible a few years ago, and that is with thanks to all of the opportunities available at the University. I still work with youth offenders as part of the 'giving time' project with Volunteering at Leeds. I am also a learning champion for the lifelong learning centre.

I am truly humbled to have received this amazing recognition that demonstrates what mature students can achieve through hard work and dedication.

Emma McNamara
LLB Law Year 2



From University Crime Rep to Police Officer

I am a third year criminal justice and criminology student and I have been offered a job with West Yorkshire Police (WYP) as a Police Officer. This role includes patrolling neighbourhoods, responding to emergency calls, making arrests, investigating crimes and many more duties. I am excited to start, as I have always wanted to be a Police Officer and I am interested in crime and safety. I am currently a special constable in WYP, which has given me a great insight into the role of a police officer. Wish me luck!

Laurie Cain



Laurie Cain pictured right

Starting a new tradition

On 20 April, the very first White Rose Doctoral Training Centre (WRDTC) Socio-Legal PGR Conference was held at the School of Law.

The conference was organised with the specific purpose of providing early stage research students with an opportunity to present their work in a supportive environment. It was organised and chaired by first and second year PhD students from the Universities of Leeds and of Sheffield. The conference was hosted with the financial and logistic support of the WRDTC and the School of Law, and attracted students from various universities in Yorkshire.

Four panels were held throughout the day and these were focused in the areas of; marginalised groups; the regulation of society; criminal justice; and conflicts and human rights. The presentations were of a high quality and ranged from discussions about tax to debates about diversity in the legal profession and the right to overthrow a government. All participants were thoroughly engaged, regardless of their own research fields. This provided helpful feedback for the speakers and sparked interesting discussions both during the panels and over coffee.

A roundtable discussion was held about entering the academic profession, which replaced the previously planned keynote speaker, who could not attend due to unforeseen circumstances. The expeditious and enthusiastic involvement of the participants to the roundtable, such as Dr Jen Hendry, Dr Mitchell Travis, Dr Mark Brown and Professor David Wall, was illustrative of the engagement of the WRDTC community. The roundtable was not only very interactive, but also provided interesting insights into the different paths into academia.



From top left: Opemijosi Adegbola, Sean Butcher, Jess Mant, Ilaria Zavoli, Magali Eben and Rebecca Banwell-Moore

The panels might have ended at 6pm, but the debates continued on long after that. Participants did not only leave with more experience in presenting their work and knowledge of other research topics, but also with new contacts within the socio-legal community. Hopefully this year's WRDTC Socio-Legal PGR Conference will mark the beginning of a long tradition.

Magali Eben
PhD candidate

A 'Supreme' road trip

The taught postgraduate annual trip to the Supreme Court and Royal Courts of Justice took place on 21 March this year. The first stop was the Supreme Court. Court Room 2 was full in the afternoon as an important commercial case was being heard, but there was an opportunity to look around, and when the group moved on to the Royal Courts of Justice (a very different atmosphere), there were cases to sit in on. All in all, it was a mammoth day, which included not only a full tour of both sets of courts and a walk up to St Paul's Cathedral, but also a detour, southbound through Bedford along the picturesque country roads due to a traffic jam on the M1, and a detour via Sheffield's Meadowhall shopping centre northbound due to roadworks, again on the M1! Everyone was great company, and coped with the delays with fortitude and great humour. It was a great day out and of course many thanks to our drivers who got us there and back in one piece.



PGR students at the Supreme Court in London

A great year for Law Soc!

We have worked with a record number of over 30 partners this year, which not only puts us in a strong financial position, but has also given our members a unique opportunity to network with representatives from some of the largest law firms in the world. We had over 30 presentations and workshops in semester one alone but the pinnacle of our careers calendar was the Careers Dinner where we were joined by 18 different firms and 165 guests. The evening was a complete success and a highly rewarding and beneficial experience.



Members of the Law Soc Committee at the Law Ball 2016

Our Academic Academy comprising of Negotiating, Debating and Mooting engaged over 250 students and has seen us compete in nine external competitions. The internal competitions have been judged by the likes of Baker & McKenzie and White & Case and the mooting final was held in the Supreme Court in London, all of which gave the competitions real prestige. Our pro-bono activities have enabled our students to have an impact on our wider community and our Charity Auction, after Auction, and removed after which included prizes such as a holiday in France, raised over £1500 for PAFRAS.

Our social calendar has been busier than ever, from the fresher's social in week one to the summer cricket social after exams. We've done club nights, theatre trips, a city break to Dublin and much more. Our Quiz Night, in collaboration with the History Society was a first this year and something we want to continue to develop. Our Laws Got Talent event, in collaboration with the School of Law and CrimSoc was held in 'Mine' in December. The event was a great success and celebrated all the talent within our community. There was music, singing, dance and spoken word poetry. All proceeds were donated to Stop Hate UK.

Our Annual Law Ball was the highlight of our social calendar and this year we took a trip back in time into the lavish world of Gatsby. We transformed the Queens Ballroom into a magnificent setting and the night was full of surprises, including dance acts and confetti, and was finished off with a surprise performance from Sigala at our after party. We are also very proud to have worked with other students from the wider university community, including members of the Photography Society, LSTV and a university led band.

It's safe to say it has been a great year, one which I have thoroughly enjoyed. Being a part of Law Soc has made my last year at university the best by far! A big thank you to the rest of the committee for all their hard work over the year, especially Leah Edwards and James Langridge. Another big thank you goes to Alastair Mullis and Nick Taylor for all their support this year, it makes such a difference in what we can achieve. A final big thank you goes to all our members who have been so involved this year and for making Law Soc what it is! I wish the new committee all the best for next year and I am excited to see what you all achieve!

Bren McCarty

President, University of Leeds Law Soc



Law Ball 2016

Placement success following 'Stay in Leeds' law fair

As reported previously, the Stay in Leeds law fair was a tremendous success. Eight of the leading law firms in the city attended and promised to provide work experience opportunities exclusively for University of Leeds law students. Firms who attended commented, at the time, on the high calibre of students they had spoken to. This enthusiasm has been translated into a higher number of placement offers than we had previously expected. Firms had been asked to provide at least one opportunity. At the time of going to press, the Needle Partnership has offered six placements, Emsleys has offered five, 3volution has offered four and Milners have offered two.

The School is delighted not only at the high levels of interest that the fair garnered amongst our students but also impressive quality of applications that has generated such high levels of interest from the local profession. Well done to all who received a placement.

Legal Innovation Competition

Congratulations to Angharad Roberts, Lydia Poulson and Millie Bailey, who have won the inaugural AG/BPP Legal Innovation Competition.



The competition tested commercial awareness and initiative skills. Candidates were asked to design an innovative product that promoted legal services. The result was closely contested, with all three finalists performing superbly in the finals, held at Addleshaw Goddard LLP's Leeds offices. Alongside sharing the £250

cash prize, Angharad, Lydia and Millie have earned a valuable accolade that they can use, in future applications, to evidence their (tremendous) commercial awareness and initiative skills. Karen Sewell, graduate partner at Addleshaw Goddard LLP commented: "I was truly impressed by the finalists, three excellent innovative ideas all of which have huge potential for practical application within the legal profession. The quality of the three presentations was also extremely impressive, all three teams demonstrated their ability to engage with the audience and to think on their feet in response to some challenging questions from the judging panel."

This competition will be held again next academic year. If you would like to develop your commercial awareness and initiative skills then you should enter. Details will be made available in late September through the VLE.

Dates for the Diary

The Workforce of the Future of Policing

8 June 2016 | 9.30-17.00
Weetwood Hall | Conference

Conference to explore the changing nature of crime, new technologies and shifting demands. How do police forces respond and adapt?

Britain and the EU:

Is Britain really a European society?

13 June 2016 | 17:00-20:00
Business School Maurice Keyworth Lecture Theatre (G.02) | Lecture

The British debate on the EU is abetted by a peculiar, but broadly shared, mental construction that talks about Britain and then Europe, as if Europe is somewhere else – a place across the sea.

Cross Border Litigation in Europe

16 June | 09:00-17:00 | London School of Economics | Conference

This conference is organised by the Centre for Business Law and Practice, University of Leeds, and the Centre for Private International Law, University of Aberdeen. The conference is being held within the framework of a research project which is funded by the European Commission Civil Justice Programme. Registration is available online www.eventbrite.co.uk

School of Law Alumni Reception at the House of Lords

24 June 2016 | 17:30-21:00 | House of Lords, Westminster | Alumni Reception

The School of Law is holding an Alumni Reception at the House of Lords on Friday 24 June, 2016.

School of Law Graduation Day

19 July 2016 | 11.30 and 16.00 | Great Hall, University of Leeds | Ceremony and Reception

There are two ceremonies for School of Law graduates on Tuesday 19 July. All students and families are invited to a graduation reception in The Liberty Building from 12:30.

Sexuality, Disability and the Law: Beyond the Last Frontier?

20 July 2016 | 17:00-18:30
Liberty Building | Lecture

Professor Michael Perlin will be discussing central themes from his recently published book of the same title. His paper will address issues of Disability and Sexuality, particularly focusing on the hostility that often emerges around relationships between adults with disabilities, the stereotypes at play and how such problems might be remedied. www.eventbrite.co.uk

VAT Anti-fraud Policy, Third Party Liability, and the Rule of Law

6 October 2016 | 17:00 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Inaugural Lecture

This lecture will be presented by Professor Rita De La Feria

Disabling Legal Barriers

3 November 2016 | 17:00 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Inaugural Lecture

This lecture will be presented by Professor Oliver Lewis

International Outlaws – The Shadow Side of International Criminal Justice

1 December 2016 | 17:00 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Inaugural Lecture

This lecture will be presented by Professor Elies Van Sliedregt

Events Summary

For more information, including full programmes and details of how to register for any of these events, please visit: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

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