Facility Notes

The following will summarize the scholarly productivity of Georgia Law's distinguished faculty during the calendar year 2012 and year-to-date 2013.

Diane Marie Amann

Peter A. Appel

Mehrsa Baradaran

Ronald L. Carlson

Dan T. Coenen

Harlan G. Cohen

Julian A. Cook III
“Plea Bargaining, Sentence Modifications and the Real World” in the Wake Forest Law Review (forthcoming 2013); and
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Recent faculty appointments and honors

Woodruff Chair in International Law Diane Marie Amann received the Prominent Woman in International Law Award during the American Society for International Law Annual Meeting. This 20-year-old award honors the “work of outstanding women” in this field.

Assistant Professor Kent Barnett was selected to present his article “Structural Improvements to Formal Executive Adjudication” at the 2012 Yale-Stanford-Harvard Junior Faculty Forum. His was one of only 17 submissions by early-career scholars nationwide to earn this recognition.

Cleveland Distinguished Chair of Legal Ethics and Professionalism Lonnie T. Brown Jr. was selected by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia to serve as the principal substantive consultant for the court’s Local Rules Revision Project.

Associate Professor Elizabeth Chamblee Burch was elected as a member of the American Law Institute.

Callaway Chair Emeritus Verner F. Chaffin (LL.B.’42) received the American Law Institute’s 50-year membership medallion at the organization’s annual meeting held in Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor Harlan G. Cohen won the New York University Journal of International Law and Politics Peer Review Award for his article “Finding International Law, Part II: Our Fragmenting Legal Community.” The award recognizes the most significant contribution by an emerging scholar published in the journal during the academic year. Additionally, he was nominated to serve as a member of the American Society of International Law’s executive council.

Assistant Professor Timothy Meyer served as a contributing author for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization’s report titled “Networks for Prosperity: Connecting Development Knowledge Beyond 2015.” Meyer was one of only approximately 20 academic and practical experts from around the world asked to participate.

Assistant Professor Logan E. Sawyer III was appointed to the membership committee of the American Society for Legal History.

David E. Shipley was awarded an Athletic Association Professorship, which is endowed by UGA’s athletic program. Additionally, he was recognized by the National Football Foundation for his commitment to the ideals of the scholar-athlete and the leadership building qualities of intercollegiate football.

Martin Chair James C. Smith has been appointed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to serve as co-reporter for the drafting committee on the Residential Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Process and Protections Act.

Sibley Professor in Corporate and Business Law Larry D. Thompson was elected as a counsellor for the American Society of International Law’s executive council.

Recently retired Distinguished Research Professor and Rogers Chair Alan Watson received the American Society of Comparative Law’s Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors “living senior comparatists whose writings have changed the shape or direction of American comparative or private international law.”

Director of the Law Library Carol A. Watson (J.D.’87) was one of eight academic law librarians selected to serve on the Academic Law Library Advisory Board, which was created by Wolters Kluwer Law & Business to help facilitate dialogue between the company and key decision makers in the academic law community.

Elizabeth Weeks Leonard (J.D.’99)
Hillel Y. Levin

Timothy Meyer

Usha Rodrigues

Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge

Margaret V. Sachs

Logan E. Sawyer III

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David E. Shipley
James C. Smith

Thomas “T.J.” Striepe

Travis M. Trimble (J.D.’93)

Christian Turner

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Michael L. Wells

Sonja R. West

Cathleen S. Wharton (J.D.’83)

Rebecca Hanner White

Colloquium series bring notable scholars to campus

Georgia Law hosts two colloquium series each year that provide a forum for provocative and innovative legal scholarship by bringing legal academics from around the globe to Athens to present their latest research to faculty and students. Below is a summary of the 2012–13 presenters.

Bridget J. Crawford, Pace University
Mary L. Dudziak, Emory University
Bruce Green, Fordham University
Jamal Greene, Columbia University
Tom C. W. Lin, University of Florida
Angela Onwuachi-Willig, University of Iowa
Jedediah Purdy, Duke University
Ann Shalleck, American University
Mark Tushnet, Harvard University
David A. Wirth, Boston College

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