

KINGHALL *briefs*



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY CELEBRATES KING HALL CLASS OF 2013

Members of the UC Davis School of Law Class of 2013 returned to King Hall with family and friends to celebrate their success on the California State Bar Examination in a Swearing-In Ceremony featuring Dean Kevin R. Johnson, the Honorable Louis Mauro '87, Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, and the Honorable Troy L. Nunley, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of California. King Hall graduates who took the July 2013 exam posted an impressive 85 percent pass rate.

Dean Johnson opened the December 6 ceremony, congratulating the Class of 2013 and introducing Justice Mauro. Before administering the State oath, Justice Mauro talked about the history of attorneys' oaths and the ways in which they reflect the ideals of legal professionalism and justice. "Certainly the oath is a condition for the right to practice law, but it's also more than that," said Justice Mauro. "It inspires us to live up to the ideals of our profession."

Judge Nunley proceeded directly to the federal oath before offering his brief remarks. "In practicing law, be mindful of the tremendous responsibility that you have as an attorney to make society a better place," he said. "That's my challenge to you: Go out there and find some cause that you're passionate about, be it immigration, be it victim advocacy, and try to make this world better."



DEAN JOHNSON AGAIN RANKED AMONG 25 'MOST INFLUENTIAL IN LEGAL EDUCATION'

For the second consecutive year, Dean Kevin R. Johnson has been named among the "Most Influential in Legal Education" by *National Jurist*. The rankings, published in the magazine's January 2014 issue, are based on ratings submitted by law school deans and others of influence in the legal community.

Dean Johnson is credited with being a "known leader in Latino civil rights and diversity among students and faculty

in legal education" in the profile accompanying the rankings. The article also notes some of the awards Dean Johnson has received, including the Professor of the Year Award from the Hispanic National Bar Association (2006), the Clyde Ferguson Jr. Award for Outstanding Professor of the Year by the Minority Groups Section of the Association of American Law Schools (2004), and the Chancellor's Achievement Awards for Diversity and Community (2001).



KING HALL MOURNS PROFESSOR JAMES E. HOGAN

Professor James E. Hogan, a founding member of the King Hall faculty and a nationally recognized expert in the fields of Criminal Procedure and Evidence, died on December 31, 2013 in Davis following a long illness. He was 83 years old.

Professor Hogan joined UC Davis School of Law during its second year of operation in 1967 and established himself as a dynamic and effective teacher, valued colleague, and outstanding scholar. He was twice honored with the Law School's

Distinguished Teaching Award and in 1994 was one of four UC Davis faculty to receive a Citation for Distinguished Teaching from the Academic Senate.

“Professor Hogan was a mentor to generations of King Hall students and an inspiration to his faculty colleagues,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “As one of our founding faculty members, his passion for the law and for teaching set a standard of excellence at UC Davis School of Law. We are all deeply saddened to hear of his passing.”

KRISTEN MERCADO SUCCEEDS SHARON PINKNEY AS ASSISTANT DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Kristen Mercado is King Hall's new Assistant Dean of Admission, succeeding Sharon Pinkney, who has retired after playing an indispensable role in recruitment and admissions at the School of Law for 35 years.

Mercado, who earned her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School, joined King Hall as Associate Director of Admission and Outreach in 2011. Her previous experience includes work in the Palo Alto and Chicago offices of Sidney Austin LLP, and the Chicago Committee, an association of law firms and corporations that supports the professional development of young minority lawyers. In her new role, Mercado will seek to streamline and improve the application review process while continuing to recruit and retain a talented and diverse student body.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



Sister Simone Campbell '77, Executive Director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby based

in Washington, D.C., delivered the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture on Social Justice to a packed Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom in October 2013.



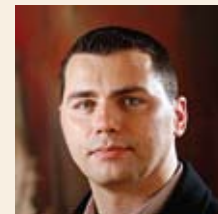
Professor Gary Solis '71, an internationally recognized scholar on the law of war, delivered a lecture

on “Drones and Targeted Killings” at King Hall in November 2013.



U.S. Representative George Miller '72, a member of Congress for 40 years, has announced that he will not seek a 21st term

in the House. Miller, who represents Contra Costa County, is widely considered one of the top Democratic legislators of his generation.



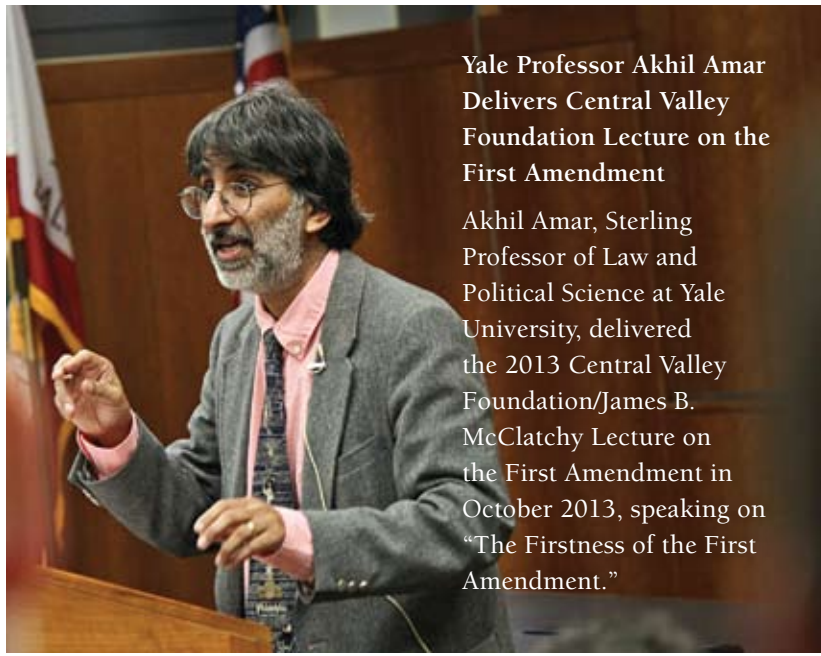
Robert Hulse '00 has been named as one of the *Silicon Valley Business Journal's* “Silicon Valley

40 under 40.” Hulse is a partner at Fenwick & West, and lead outside patent counsel for Facebook Inc.



Jay Carlisle '69, Professor of Law at Pace Law School in White Plains, New York, was honored with the New

York State Trial Lawyers Association's “Academic Excellence Award.” He also was honored with the Barbara Salken Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award at the Pace Law School Class of 2013 graduation.



**Yale Professor Akhil Amar
Delivers Central Valley
Foundation Lecture on the
First Amendment**

Akhil Amar, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, delivered the 2013 Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment in October 2013, speaking on “The Firstness of the First Amendment.”

**IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC STUDENTS
COLLABORATE WITH FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL
PAUL CLEMENT ON NINTH CIRCUIT CASE**

UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic students Melanie Young ‘13, Charlene Chen ‘13, and Christine Meeuwssen ‘14 successfully collaborated with former United States Solicitor General Paul Clement in representing Clinic client Claudette Hubbard in a case that has drawn the attention of national media including the *Wall Street Journal*.

Working with Clement and leading appellate lawyers Erin Murphy and Michael McGinley, the students succeeded in obtaining a remand from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that returned Hubbard’s case to the Board of Immigration Appeals and in remanding her bond case to Immigration Court. Based upon the Jamaican government’s toleration of violence against gays and lesbians, Hubbard is seeking protection under the Convention Against Torture.

**KING HALL RANKED IN TOP 10 FOR ‘BEST
ENVIRONMENT FOR MINORITY STUDENTS’**

UC Davis School of Law ranks sixth in the nation in the category of “Best Environment for Minority Students” in a new *Princeton Review* survey. The rating is based upon data gleaned from the survey responses of 18,500 students at top American law schools.

The ranking appears in *The Princeton Review’s Best 169 Law Schools for 2014*. The issue includes a profile of King Hall that mentions numerous positive assessments from student surveys. Students commented on King Hall’s “incredibly approachable” faculty, newly expanded and renovated facility, clinical programs, expanded Career Services, supportive alumni, active students groups, sense of community, and other factors contributing to the School of Law’s high ranking.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor **Alan Brownstein** delivered the 2013 Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Lecture on Constitutional Law in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom. Brownstein, the Boochever and Bird

Endowed Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality at King Hall, spoke on “Coercion and Endorsement: Constitutional Challenges to State Sponsored Prayers at Local Government Meetings.”



Professor **Gabriel “Jack” Chin** has been named among the 2013 Exemplary Legal Writing Honorees by the *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*. He was honored for the entry

“Getting Law Review Fans Out of the Closet: Liptak on Jacobs and Waxman,” which was published by *PrawfsBlawg* and will appear in the 2014 *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*.



Professor **Angela Harris’** scholarship was the subject of UC Berkeley School of Law’s “The Festschrift Symposium in Honor of Angela Harris,” a daylong event that featured

a keynote speech from UCLA School of Law Dean Rachel Moran and panel discussions with legal scholars including Professor Madhavi Sunder.



Dean **Kevin R. Johnson** and Professor **Leticia Saucedo**

are part of a team of UC Davis faculty participating in an interdisciplinary research initiative on “Managing Temporary Migrations: California, the U.S., and the World.” The research team is one of seven “clusters”



to receive awards as part of UC Davis’ new Interdisciplinary Frontiers in the Humanities and the Arts program.

KING HALL LAUNCHES AOKI CENTER FOR CRITICAL RACE AND NATION STUDIES

UC Davis School of Law has launched the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies, a new initiative that will serve to focus and connect the work of faculty and students at the School of Law and across the UC Davis campus in the areas of critical race and nation studies and honor the life and work of the late Professor Keith Aoki. The Center was formally introduced at a special reception in October 2013.

Professor Keith Aoki died at the age of 55 on April 26, 2011 following a prolonged illness. A brilliant scholar, devoted teacher, and beloved colleague, Professor Aoki had a lasting, positive impact on faculty and students at the School of Law and beyond. He was an accomplished and respected scholar who used words, art, music, and engagement to create a significant body of work in civil rights, critical race theory, intellectual property, and local government law. Although he



contributed to scholarship in many fields, his work connecting critical theory, race, and immigration issues was close to his heart.

The Aoki Center already has launched a speaker series and plans are underway to serve the pedagogical mission of the School of Law with other initiatives that further enrich the student experience. The Center will sponsor programs at King Hall and across the UC Davis campus that highlight critical scholarship, connecting faculty who conduct critical scholarship on issues involving race, immigration, and/or nation with one another and with interested students.

The Aoki Center also will foster student excellence in critical race theory with initiatives that connect learned theory to practice, improving the lives of subordinated groups. Faculty affiliates of the Aoki Center include Law School Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Professors Angela Harris (chair), Gabriel “Jack” Chin, Lisa Ikemoto, Leticia Saucedo, and Rose Cuison Villazor.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Anthony Friedman '15 was awarded first place in the CEB Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing at an awards ceremony at King Hall in November 2013. The annual writing competition for King Hall students is sponsored by Continuing Education of the Bar, (CEB), a nonprofit organization of the California State Bar Association and the University of California. Friedman receives a \$2,500 cash prize.

The team of **Miles Prince '14** and **Steven Vong '16** won the 2013 Frances Carr Competition held at UC Davis School of Law on November 2, prevailing in the final round over **Kevin Dubrall '15** and **Samantha Gavin '15**. The annual intra-school competition is presented each year by the UC Davis School of Law Trial Practice Honors Board.

The UC Davis Moot Court Board sent two student teams to represent King Hall in the San Francisco Regional Round of the National Moot Court

Competition, one of the largest and most prestigious moot court competitions in the United States. The team of **David Carl '14**, **Martin Freeman '14**, and **Joseph Uzarski '14** competed in oral arguments during the first day of the competition, with David Carl receiving a vote for Best Oral Advocate in their last round. The team of **Rebecca Dreyfuss '14**, **Sterling Elmore '14**, and **Daniel Shimell '14** advanced to the semi-final round and won the award for Second Place Brief. Dreyfuss and Shimell received votes for Best Oral Advocate.