

# *The University of Akron School of Law Administrative Briefs*

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## **General News**

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### **Opportunities for Graduate Students to Pursue Feminist Research**

New initiatives to promote feminist research are starting this fall at the University of Akron. The Committee for Research on Women/Gender will be a campus-wide forum for faculty whose scholarship, publishing, research, and teaching contribute to the multi-disciplinary field of women's studies. CROW members among the UA faculty will meet regularly to share work-in-progress, discuss major trends and debates in the field of women's studies, schedule speakers, and attend conferences together. The next step is to found Graduate CROW—an organization for graduate students who are drawn to scholarship with a feminist focus. Carrie Rowe (second-year M.A. student in history) is going to be the coordinator of this effort (and not just because her name is "C. Rowe"! ). You can contact her by email: [cpr3@uakron.edu](mailto:cpr3@uakron.edu).

Graduate students interested in feminist research can now also earn the Graduate Certificate in Gender Conflict, a certificate program just launched by the Center for Conflict Management (<http://www.uakron.edu/centers/conflict/>), directed by Dr. Bill Lyons. As part of this certificate, students will take a Graduate Workshop that will be team-taught by Dr. T. J. Boisseau and Dr. Kathy Feltey. This one-credit course will meet five times during the fall semester, from 3-5 on Friday afternoons (likely at a cafe like Momus). Dr. Feltey and Dr. Boisseau will facilitate discussions among the graduate students about the students' current research projects and interests. The workshop will prepare students to participate in presenting papers at professional conferences and, towards that end, in the spring there will be another workshop devoted to presenting papers in a Graduate Symposium for Research on Women/Gender, cosponsored by the Center for Conflict Management and CROW.

Money has been set aside for paper prizes and scholarships to offer those who participate in the fall/spring workshops. Involvement in graduate workshops and symposia, study to earn a graduate certificate, and affiliation with the Committee for Research on Women/Gender will be activities for graduate students to list on their vita and on applications to other degree programs.

If you are committed to feminist scholarship, or merely interested in pursuing some research in the field of women's studies, get involved with Graduate CROW and consider taking the fall workshop. The class number is 77625, and the catalogue

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number is 3400: 594-001. Those who register will receive an email concerning the place and dates for the five meetings. Please contact Dr. Feltey ([felteyk@uakron.edu](mailto:felteyk@uakron.edu)) or Dr. Boisseau ([tjboiss@uakron.edu](mailto:tjboiss@uakron.edu)) if you have any questions about the course or problems registering for it.

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**2005 Uniform State Laws Writing Contest**  
National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws

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**WRITING CONTEST**

**Contest:**

The winning article, note, or comment will receive a prize of \$500 from the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), and will be eligible for publication in the NCCUSL quarterly newsletter, *Uniform Activities*. Other exceptional articles will also be considered for publication in the newsletter.

**Topic:**

Any article, note, or comment that addresses a uniform or model act or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by NCCUSL may be eligible.

**Eligibility:**

The contest is open to all students enrolled in any United States law school. The contest is also open to students who have graduated from a U.S. law school within the last year. Essays must be original; they may have been submitted for course credit, but they must not have been written as part of paid employment. Student articles or notes published or scheduled for publication in 2005 are specifically sought for submission. Current and former NCCUSL commissioners and employees are not eligible.

**Judging:**

All entries will be judged by a panel of NCCUSL Uniform Law Commissioners and officers.

**Format:**

Essays must present complete, well-reasoned and well-supported arguments. Entries must follow the latest version of the Harvard Bluebook Rules of Citation, with footnotes, and must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word or Wordperfect format.

**To Enter:**

Submit entries electronically to [krobinson@nccusl.org](mailto:krobinson@nccusl.org) with the subject heading, "2005 Essay Contest." **Entries must be received via email no later than midnight, December 1, 2005.** Include with your entry a cover letter stating your name, phone number, name of law school, year of graduation, and a statement that the essay was not written as part of paid employment. Violations of the contest rules may result in disqualification.

**Deadline:**

December 1, 2005. The winner will be announced by February 15, 2006.

**For More Information:**

Contact the National Conference of Commissioners at 211 E. Ontario Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60611, 312/915-0195, Fax 312/915-0187 or email [krobinson@nccusl.org](mailto:krobinson@nccusl.org).

## Development News

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Former Dean to be honored by the Law School

During his tenure as both Professor and Dean of the School of Law at The University of Akron, **Dean Donald M. Jenkins** *touched and influenced the lives of many people* – students, faculty, members of the legal community and others. He is a graduate of the Law School class of '64 and was the Dean from 1981-1987.

The School of Law has commissioned artist Matthew Hunt to paint Dean Jenkins' portrait as the next installment in the Dean's Gallery located in the atrium's second floor.

Funding support from this project was sought from alumni and friends. Many thanks to the following contributors (as of Monday, October 3): Janice M. Ahern '76 , Stephen Ahern '76, Jane Bond '76 Aimie L. Bruggeman '82, Lawrence E. Chapanar '84, G. Ian Crawford '84, Robert H. Cyperski '84, Edward L. Gilbert '76, Randall Hutsell '84, William Kantosky '76, David Klausman '81, Robert G. Konstand '77, Jerry F. Montgomery '54, William C. Pepple '82, Timothy J. Putman '85, James L. Wagner '76.

If you would like more information or would like to know how to add your name to the list of supporters, please contact Kim Morgan at extension 5260 or via email at [kmorgan@uakron.edu](mailto:kmorgan@uakron.edu).

## Career Planning News

The following is a list of upcoming events and opportunities. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Career Planning & Placement Office at 330/972-5321.

### **Akron Bar Association Mentor Program:**

In order to permit more students to take advantage of the Akron Bar Association's Mentor Program, the previously announced September 23 deadline has been extended indefinitely. While this will provide additional time for students to select a mentor, students are strongly encouraged to sign up for the program as soon as possible. Once mentors have been selected by other students, they will no longer be available until the next academic year.

### **Career Planning Events:**

#### **Mentor Program Reception**

The reception will be held on Wednesday, October 5 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the Law School Atrium.

#### **Judicial Clerkship Program:**

##### **Why would you consider a Judicial a Clerkship?**

It is a valuable opportunity to –

- Get a "behind-the-scenes" look at the judicial system.
- Improve your research and writing skills.
- Enhance your understanding of the litigation system.
- Observe judges and lawyers in action.
- Improve your resume.
- Position your career for future opportunities.

Information Sessions:

Thursday, October 6 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Room 134 – The Honorable Frank D. Celebrezze, Jr., Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth Appellate District will be presenting on what judges expect from their judicial clerks as well as suggestions on how to apply for a judicial clerkship.

A reception in the Judge's honor will be held from 5:15 – 5:30 p.m. in the Law School Atrium. We encourage all to attend.

Friday, October 7 - 12:05 – 1:00 p.m. - Room 134 - faculty members who have served as state-level judicial clerks will present regarding the application and interview process as well as the practical aspects of clerking.

Monday, October 10, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Room 134 – faculty members who have served as federal-level judicial clerks will present regarding the application and interview process, and the practical aspects of clerking.

## Student Organization News



### **B.L.S.A.**

The Black Law Students Association is selling pizza every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Student Lounge. All proceeds from the sales go to support BLSA and its commitment to the community. Also, the **ALLSA** will be selling soft drinks at the same time.

### **G.S.L.A.**

The Gay/Straight Law Alliance is selling donuts and coffee every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Student Lounge.

### **IPTLA**

The Intellectual Property & Technology Law Association is selling t-shirts, computer bags, and hats every Tuesday in the Student Lounge.

### **I.L.S.**

The International Law Society is selling candy on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings outside Room 151.

### **L.A.W**

The Law Association for Women is selling bagels on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge.

Also, the Law Association for Women is collecting items for the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties. Throughout October, the L.A.W. will be collecting cleaning supplies. Please drop off your donations in the box located outside L.A.W.'s door.

**S.B.A.**

The Student Bar Association will meet for their general meeting on Wednesday, October 12, in Room L-167, at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Please come and join us!

Also, the Student Bar Association is selling candy, snacks, and bottled water every Monday and Friday evenings from 6:15 – 9:35 p.m., outside Room 151.

**Final Thought!**

“Don’t waste the years struggling for things that are unimportant. Don’t destroy your peace of mind by looking back, worrying about the past. Live in the present, enjoy the present.”

- Henry David Thoreau