Christian Legal Society: Refresh & Inspire for Finals - Springtime brings both new challenges and affords an opportunity for us all to "refresh." At **noon on Monday, April 25, in Room 173**, please join CLS for a lighthearted focus on how you can be the most spiritually productive during this time of transition. CLS member Stephen C. Hsu, Esq. will share some uplifting inspiration for everyone as we enjoy lunch!

Last Day of Class Party: On **Tuesday, April 26, at noon, in the Marshall Gallery**, the Student Bar Association will be holding a party to celebrate the last day of law classes for the academic year. Food and drinks will be provided along with important end-of-the-year announcements, including the 3L graduation speaker and the faculty-of-the-year award winner. The 3L class photo will also be taken, and the class composite will be unveiled. All law students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to attend.

“Embracing Diversity Award” Application Announcement: The College of Law invites rising second- and third-year law students to apply for its “Embracing Diversity” award. The award recipient will create, manage and oversee a series of talks and community conversations addressing issues of socio-economic diversity (broadly defined), and may help coordinate a College of Law Faculty Symposium focused on similar issues. The successful applicant will receive $5,000 for the fall semester, with the award renewable for a second semester upon a showing of satisfactory progress by the student. It is also
possible that the award will be split between two applicants who will work together as a team for the entire year, for an award of $5,000 each for the year.

The award recipient will work under the supervision of a committee selected by the Dean of the College of Law. Each semester, the award recipient will be expected to organize both an “Embracing Diversity Featured Speaker Presentation” and one or two “Conversation With ...” dinners each semester. The dinners will ordinarily consist of eight to ten current College of Law students and a guest speaker to discuss and promote understanding of socio-economic diversity issues. The goal of these events will be to heighten student awareness of diversity issues as they prepare to enter their professional careers, and to help build positive relationships with those whom they may in future represent.

Applicants must be full- or part-time second- or third-year law students in good academic standing in the College of Law for the 2016-2017 academic year. The successful candidate should have an interest and desire to work on behalf of socio-economic diversity issues, broadly defined, within the College. Applications must include a current résumé, an unofficial law school transcript, and a short essay that explains why the applicant would like to assist with the diversity series and that discusses what impact participation in the program will have on his or her career. Completed applications are due by April 25 in the mailbox of Professor Yolanda King. Late applications will not be accepted. Questions about the Embracing Diversity speaker series, award, or application process may be directed to Professor King, Professor Widman, or Associate Dean Falkoff.

The Embracing Diversity speaker series and student award are generously funded by Vera Verbel. Persons who are related by blood, marriage or adoption to Ms. Verbel or who have a personal or business relationship with her must disclose such facts in their application materials.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Thinking about taking a clinic this Summer or Fall? Clinic applications are still being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The priority application deadline for Fall 2016 will be at least one day after both 2Ls and 3Ls can register for fall classes. Applications will be accepted on a space-available basis after the priority deadline.

As part of the COL’s experiential learning program, we offer these clinical courses: the Civil Justice Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, and the Health Advocacy Clinic. These clinics offer students the chance to work with actual clients in a variety of settings on litigation, transactional and alternative dispute resolution matters. A copy of the Clinic Application and application instructions are available here: http://www.niu.edu/law/_pdfs/experiential/clinic-application.pdf.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clinical faculty if you need any additional information about one of the clinics: Anita Maddali, Associate Professor of Law and Director of Clinics, amaddali@niu.edu; Paul Cain, Clinical Professor, Criminal Defense Clinic, pcain@niu.edu; Wendy Vaughn, Clinical Associate Professor, Civil Justice Clinic, wvaughn@niu.edu; Colleen
HELP WANTED

Research Assistant Wanted: Professor King seeks a part-time research assistant for the 2016-2017 academic year. The position is especially suited to students who have experience and/or demonstrated interest in intellectual property law, specifically copyright and right of publicity. Potential or actual law review experience is ideal. Please submit via email a letter of interest, resume, and unofficial law school transcript to Professor King (yking@niu.edu) by Monday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m.

Research Assistant Wanted: Professor Tan is looking for a Research Assistant for next year. Please submit a resume, transcript and cover letter to him.

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Spring 2016 Announcements: Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your studying and research more comfortable in the law library. We always look forward to assisting you with any research requests at the reference desk. You should never hesitate to email us or stop by if you are struggling with a research issue or sources while conducting research this term. In addition:

- Take a few minutes to see the Stason Collection, in the alcove to the right as you enter the library. Blythe Stason, was one of the original members of the Lewis faculty when the College of Law began in 1975. He moved over to NIU when the university obtained the College of Law in 1979 and remained on the faculty for a number of years before retiring. After retiring he often returned to use the resources in the law library. When he passed away last year he remembered the library in his gifts. With input from his widow, a collection of materials was purchased that both enhance the law library and serve as a remembrance. We appreciate having been given the opportunity to create this collection and hope you will take the time to peruse the materials. A virtual display of the materials is also available at: http://niu.beta.libguides.com/c.php?g=420112&p=2865449

- Stop by the west end of the main entrance of the library to see the Women and the Supreme Court display.

- Have a quick reference question? Try our virtual reference service. Please email your questions to lawreference@niu.edu, and a reference librarian will promptly reply to your research requests during our regular reference hours.
• A short break in the middle of studying can do wonders for your mind and body. Stop by the current books alcove, popular reading collection, and new periodicals display as you enter the law library to see what is new. We offer comfortable seating near the books and journals, so you may peruse recent issues at your leisure. Happy reading!

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS

December 2015 & May 2016 Grads:

• **Regalia pick-up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26 through Friday, April 29.** If you are not picking your regalia up yourself, we must be notified via email (jmahoney@niu.edu). Please let us know who will be picking it up for you. We will not release your regalia without your prior approval. All regalia needs to be picked up and tried on by end of **Friday, April 29.** This is so we can reorder gowns if there are any issues.

Reimbursement Process:

• **Purchases:** For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events: **expenses must be approved by Office of Budget & Records before purchase is made.** NIU Accounting reimbursement procedures change occasionally, so to ensure your reimbursement will be able to be processed, please contact us even if you have prior permission of faculty or staff member.

  
  **Travel:** For reimbursement for travel on behalf of NIU College of Law, you will **need the approval of the Dean before the travel** occurs. You must also see Julie (SP285) or Christina (SP280A2) **before** travel occurs to ensure that your reimbursement will be processed with appropriate required documentation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Career Opportunities and Professional Development Office would like to say **CONGRATS** to all of you for finishing this semester and a bigger **CONGRATS** to those that are graduating…what an outstanding accomplishment! It has been our pleasure to assist you with your career planning.

  ~ Greg Anderson and Becky Leneau.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**College of Law and University Communications:** All students are reminded that official communications from the College of Law and the university are sent to students’ Z e-mail numbers. Be sure to check daily for those communications and arrange to have them automatically transfer to your personal e-mail account, if appropriate to ensure prompt attention to official notices and requests. **Please note that you are responsible for the contents of these official communications whether or not you have read them, and failure to read and respond promptly may lead to adverse consequences.**
Rescheduling Exams: Upper-level students who have three examinations scheduled on three consecutive calendar days or who have two examinations scheduled on the same day may petition to reschedule one of the examinations. All such petitions must be filed with Dean Coles by no later than noon on Thursday, April 28. Generally, the requested date for a rescheduled exam should be after, not before, the regularly scheduled exam. Please also indicate whether you request to take the exam in the morning or the afternoon. Rescheduled exams will normally begin at either 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. After April 28, exams will only be rescheduled upon the filing of a petition demonstrating “extraordinary circumstances”, with supporting documentation. Petition forms are available on the NIU Law web site under “Current Students – Forms” or from Lisa Hoebing in Room 276.

Graduation Information: For information regarding the Commencement ceremony on May 28, 2016, visit the NIU Law website at http://www.niu.edu/law/current-students/graduation-info.shtml. Included are a graduation schedule, hotel information, and the graduation cords policy.

Course Registration Q&A: Dean Falkoff and others will be available to answer questions about course registration for next year at a noon session in the Riley Courtroom on Monday, April 25. All 1Ls and 2Ls are encouraged to attend.

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Summer Break Is Near!