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## **FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS**



On June 13, 2015, **Professor SpearIt** led a workshop entitled *Drafting Legal Documents in your Casebook Course* at the *Experiential Learning Across the Curriculum Conference* at Gonzaga Law. On May 30, 2015, **Professor SpearIt** also participated in a roundtable discussion enti-

tled Critical Justice: Legal Frontiers in Theory, Society and Praxis at the Law and Society conference in Seattle, Washington. He also published Protesting Islam American Style in the Islamic Monthly, available at <a href="http://theislamicmonthly.com/protesting-islam-american-style/">http://theislamicmonthly.com/protesting-islam-american-style/</a>, as well as Rethinking Proportionality in Punishment in Jotwell, a criminal law blog. The blog posting is available at <a href="http://crim.jotwell.com/">http://crim.jotwell.com/</a>

Associate Dean and Professor of Law Asmara M. Tekle has accepted an offer to present her research at the 2016 AALS annual meeting on a panel entitled *Infraculture and Public-Private Partnerships: Legal Tools for Economic Recovery and Community Development.* The panel discussion is



a joint effort of the AALS sections on Property Law, Art Law, and State and Local Government Law. **Associate Dean Tekle** will present her forthcoming paper in *Kentucky Law Journal*, *Rectifying These Mean Streets: Percent-for-Art Ordinances, Street Furniture, and the New Streetscape*, available at <a href="http://ssrn.com/abstract=2594778">http://ssrn.com/abstract=2594778</a>



Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled "Does the No Child Left Behind Law (NCLBA) Burden the States as an Unfunded Mandate Under Federal Law?, 31 T. Marshall L. Rev. 239 (2006), was recently cited by Ayriel Bland in an article published in the Berkeley La

Raza Law Journal entitled *No Child Left Behind: Why Race-Based Achievement Goals Violate The Equal Protection Clause*, 24 Berkeley La Raza L.J. 59, 79 (2014). Bland supports Weeden's contention that

because federal funding is inadequate to comply with NCLB, the law unconstitutionally directs each state's educational policy.



**Distinguished Professor James M. Douglas** was featured on Fox morning news June 15th, 2015 discussing, the Spokane, WA NAACP President. Dr. Douglas said, "It's not a requirement that the President of the NAACP be African American.

We have had a lot of white presidents. So, the issue is not related to her race, but rather her integrity. She would not be as effective because of her credibility issue going forward." Visit www.naacphouston.org.

**Professor Thomas Kleven** presented his book *Equitable Sharing* at an Author Meets Reader panel at the Law and Society Association conference in Seattle on May 28-31. Professor Kleven also served as Chair of a panel entitled Economic and Social Rights: Confronting Retrogressive Measures.



