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FACULTY WRITINGS

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David Fischer, *Successive Causes and the Enigma of Duplicated Harm*, 66 *Tennessee Law Review* 1127 (1999).

Brian Leiter, *Rankings Flawed* [Letter to the Editor], *Daily Texan*, Apr. 4, 2000, at 4.

Neil Netanel, *Cyberspace Self-Governance: A Skeptical View from Liberal Democratic Theory*, 88 *California Law Review* 395 (2000).

David Robertson, *Personal Injury and Wrongful Death* [The Future of Maritime Law in the Federal Courts: A Faculty Colloquium], 31 *Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce* 293 (2000).

Michael Sturley, *Carriage of Goods by Sea* [The Future of Maritime Law in the Federal Courts: A Faculty Colloquium], 31 *Journal of Maritime Law & Commerce* 241 (2000).

Teresa Sullivan, *A Demographic Portrait*, in *Hispanics in the United States: An Agenda for the Twenty-First Century* 1 (Pastora San Juan Cafferty & David W. Engstrom eds.; New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers, 1999).

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

On Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2000, the Law School hosted the first joint Oxford-UT faculty conference on the topic of "Reason and Rationality in the Common Law." Papers were presented on topics in analytical jurisprudence, as well as on issues in constitutional theory, property theory, and criminal law theory. UT discussants included **Mitchell Berman**, **Mark Gergen**, **Brian Leiter**, **Neil MacCormick**, **H. W. Perry**, **William Powers**, and **John Robertson**, as well as Yasuji Nosaka, a visiting scholar at the Law School from Japan. Oxford participants were Nicholas Barber, Timothy Endicott, John Gardner (the newly elected Professor of Jurisprudence at Oxford), Jim Harris, and Jeremy Horder (Chair of the law faculty at Oxford). Also participating were UT law students Bernard Kearney (the first student in the new JD-PhD in philosophy program), Luke Meier, Matt Powers, Barry Sharpe, and Adrian Stewart; and UT philosophy PhD students Brian Berry and John Elia.

At a symposium on "Labor Rights in the Age of Globalization" sponsored by the student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild on Mar. 30, 2000, **Jack Getman** spoke on "Labor Abuses in the U.S." and **Sarah Cleveland** gave a talk on "Labor Abuses in Burma and International Protections of Global Labor Rights."

Carl Baudenbacher spoke before the Association of Legal Secretaries of the European Court of Justice and the European Court of First Instance, Mar. 23, 2000, in Luxembourg, on "One Legal Order-Two Legal Systems: The Contribution of the EFTA Court to the Homogeneous Development of the Law in the European Economic Area."

Mitchell Berman testified before the Committee on Judicial Affairs of the Texas House of Representatives, Apr. 6, 2000, on pending hate crimes legislation.

Lino Graglia was quoted in the Houston Chronicle, Apr. 4, 2000, and in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Apr. 5, 2000, on the antitrust ruling against Microsoft.

Henry Hu was quoted in *Wirtschaftswoche*, Mar. 30, 2000, in a story on interest in exchange-traded funds among investors in Germany.

Neil Netanel was quoted in the Los Angeles Times, Mar. 25, 2000, on the potential ramifications of a U.S. Supreme Court decision holding that a product design cannot be protected as unregistered trade dress under the Lanham Act absent a showing that consumers actually identify the design with the product's source. **Netanel** presented a paper on "Rethinking Copyright's Role in Promoting a Democratic Civil Society" at a conference entitled "A Free Information Ecology in the Digital Environment" at NYU School of Law, Mar. 31-Apr. 2, 2000. **Netanel** delivered a paper on "Market Hierarchy in Free Speech and Copyright Jurisprudence" at a Vanderbilt University Law School conference, "Taking Stock: The Law and Economics of Intellectual Property Rights," Apr. 7-8, 2000.

Tom Russell has authored a new website, *legalhistory.net*, "a legal history Internet portal" which serves as a gateway to selected Internet resources that legal historians would most frequently use. The URL is <<http://legalhistory.net>>.

Jay Westbrook has been appointed by U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Leif Clark to serve as special examiner to provide advice in the complex InverWorld bankruptcy case. The former San Antonio-based securities firm filed for bankruptcy last year and **Westbrook** will sort through international laws governing claims made by creditors.

Ernest Young was a panelist at the Conference on State Sovereign Immunity and Intellectual Property, sponsored by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in Washington, D.C. on Mar. 31, 2000.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

At the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries in San Antonio, Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2000, **Tobe Liebert** discussed the West Group's Texas products as part of a session on "Legal Resource Product Comparisons"; **Kumar Percy** and **Jonathan Pratter** gave presentations on "International Legal Resources," including both foreign and international law; and **Keith Ann Stiverson** was a panelist for a session on "Assisting the Pro Se Litigant." In addition, **Beth Youngdale** chaired the Program Committee and was elected Vice-President/President-Elect.