



## December **GRADUATION**

Thirteen Gonzaga Law School students received their J.D.s at the Dec. 17, 2009, graduation ceremonies at the school's Barbieri Courtroom. Family, friends and faculty filled the courtroom to share in the special time as students accepted their degrees.

A reception with family and friends followed.

December graduates were Misty Addison, Gage Arnold, Nahshon Dart, David Engstrom, Jennifer Gruver, Sara Herr-Waldroup, Erin Hillier, David Jolley, Zeed Meyer, Erin Mirch, Taylor North, Natasha Quraishi and Andrea Rosholt.

## Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation Supports **INDIAN LAW MOOT COURT TEAM**

Two Gonzaga Law School teams participated in the Native American Law Student Association Moot Court Competition at the University of South Dakota in February. With underwriting support from the Confederated Tribe of the Colville Reservation, five students were provided opportunities to develop their advocacy and brief writing skills, and gain substantive knowledge in the field of Federal Indian Law, Tribal Law and traditional forms of governance. Gonzaga University School of Law is grateful for the support from the Colville Tribe.

# STUDENT *scholarships and awards*



Kaydee Snipes



Martha Rolletto



George Critchlow, Mark Lorbiecki, Caleb Mayfield and Patrick Walsh

## Snipes and Rolletto Awarded AAML Scholarships

The Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) recently awarded scholarships to two Gonzaga law students.

Kaydee Snipes, a second-year law student from Great Falls, Mont., majored in sociology with a justice studies emphasis at Montana State University in Bozeman. She was drawn to Gonzaga because of the "school's dedication to public service work and its willingness to nurture those who strive to go into public interest law." While in law school Snipes has participated in several clinics and public service organizations, including the Elder Law Clinic, the Center for Restorative Youth Justice, the Child Advocacy Organization and the Students' Organization for Victims Advocacy. Upon graduation, Snipes hopes to practice family law in the Northwest.

Martha Rolletto, a third-year law student from Coeur d'Alene, received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Boise State University and a master's in mathematics from the University of Idaho. She came to Gonzaga because of "its reputation for preparing people to be great lawyers." She also noted that her law school training thus far has emphasized "that every single case involves real people and their lives, and how critical it is to never lose sight of that fact." Upon graduation Rolletto hopes to practice either family or criminal law in the Inland Northwest.

The AAML was founded in 1962 with its mission: "To encourage the study, improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of matrimonial law, to the end that the welfare of the family and society be protected."

## Mayfield and Walsh Awarded IP Scholarships

The Intellectual Property section of the Washington State Bar (WSBA) recently awarded IP scholarships to Gonzaga Law third-year students Patrick Walsh and Caleb Mayfield.

The WSBA IP section focuses on patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets and other related matters. Section Chair Mark Lorbiecki, from the Seattle firm of Black Lowe and Graham, was on hand to present the scholarship checks during a reception hosted by the IP section.

Mayfield, originally from Kennewick, Wash., majored in biology at Portland State University. He said he was drawn to Gonzaga by its reputation and "hometown pride." Mayfield said he became interested in the IP field because it is in constant flux, and it has a perfect mix of all his interests. Mayfield hopes to work in IP upon graduation.

Walsh is from Sammamish, Wash., and attended Gonzaga University, where he majored in computer science with a concentration in entrepreneurship. He chose Gonzaga law because of the reputation of the IP program.

Walsh said law school has taught him that "the law influences every single aspect of the world we live in, and that an understanding of the law will help to understand how different aspects of society interact." Upon graduation he hopes to stay in Spokane and practice patent law.



*Jennifer Richards receives the ACC Scholarship*

## Richards Wins ACC Scholarship

The Washington Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) recently awarded a scholarship to first-year Gonzaga law student Jennifer Richards.

The Association of Corporate Counsel is the world's largest organization serving the professional and business interests of attorneys who practice in the legal departments of corporations, associations and other private-sector organizations around the globe.

Richards, originally from Reno, Nev., majored in information systems at the University of Nevada, Reno. She was drawn to Gonzaga because of its excellent reputation and its "emphasis on public interest and ethics."

Richards said her law school experience thus far has taught her to "believe more deeply in herself ... and to be more open-minded to different perspectives, career paths and types of law."

Upon graduation Richards hopes to work as corporate in-house counsel or to be employed with the government.



*Peter Boskofsky*

## Boskofsky Wins Native Law Scholarship

Peter Boskofsky, a second-year Gonzaga law student, recently received a \$10,000 internship scholarship from the Koniag Education Foundation in Alaska.

Koniag, Inc., and the Koniag Education Foundation (KEF) have jointly coordinated an internship scholarship program to seek out Koniag's best and brightest shareholders and descendants to intern with subsidiaries of the Koniag Development Corporation (KDC).

Boskofsky, from Chignik, Alaska, studied political science at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. He was drawn to Gonzaga Law School because of its Indian Law program, and because of the opportunity to be part of the Institute for Development of Economic Policy. Boskofsky said he appreciates the professors at Gonzaga who are very "knowledgeable on law relating to Alaska issues."

"This internship will give me a chance to become more familiar with Alaska Native Corporations and the influence they have on challenges facing Alaska Natives," Boskofsky said.

Upon graduation, Boskofsky hopes to return to Alaska and work for an Alaska Native Corporation, helping advance the well-being and livelihood of Alaskan Natives.

Gonzaga Law School's Institute for Development of Economic Policy for Indigenous People studies and analyzes economic issues in Indian Country and Alaska in an effort to seek solutions based on public policy and the rule of law.

# STUDENT *scholarships and awards*

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program Awarded to Five Students

The Gonzaga Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), created in 2007, recently awarded repayment assistance to five outstanding alumni.

The LRAP provides loan repayment assistance (up to \$4,000 per person per year) to a select number of Gonzaga law graduates who are pursuing careers in public service. The program reflects Gonzaga University's humanistic, Jesuit and Catholic mission by supporting those serving in the public service work sector.

Generally, careers in public service pay less than those in the private sector of law. The program was developed as financial assistance to encourage students to work in public interest law. Applicants with outstanding law school student loans, both federal and private, are eligible to apply to the LRAP.

The following students have received the awards:



**Stephanie Cotton ('08)**

**Colorado State Public Defender's Office, Trinidad, Colo.**

Cotton is a deputy public defender in Colorado who became interested in law school while volunteering with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps at the Seattle Public Defender's office. As an undergraduate at Whitworth University in Spokane, she traveled on several mission-oriented trips and learned the value of helping those less fortunate. While at Gonzaga, she prepared for her life as a public servant by taking many of the public service law courses. She also interned at the Federal Public Defender's office and participated on the National Moot Court Team.



**Katie McGinley ('08)**

**Open Door Legal Services, Seattle, Wash.**

McGinley is a legal services associate in Seattle who became interested in law school while attending Gonzaga as an undergraduate. While in law school, she prepared for her career in public service by participating in the University Legal Assistance Clinic and served as an extern at the Center for Justice in Spokane. She also was active in the Gonzaga Public Interest Law Program (GPILP). Now, she provides legal services to low-income people, typically representing clients who have family law issues. McGinley enjoys her work and says, "There are so many barriers that prevent a person from fully recovering from their situation. I like helping to remove some of those barriers."



**Jessica Cahoon ('06)**

**Legal Aid Services, Idaho Falls, Idaho**

Cahoon is a staff attorney with the Idaho Legal Aid Services who became interested in law school while in high school. During her second and third year of law school, she had the opportunity to intern for public interest entities and help those who could not otherwise afford legal representation. Now, she helps low-income clients in areas such as, but not limited to, family law, Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security Disability cases and elder law issues. Cahoon believes it is a privilege to work in legal aid. "I get to help my clients with real issues that involve the nuts and bolts of life: food, shelter, clothing and safety. This is very rewarding to help someone in need," she says.



### **Alex Newhouse ('07)**

**Yakima County Department of Assigned Counsel, Yakima, Wash.**

Newhouse is a staff attorney in the Juvenile Division. He said he experienced a "sense of purpose that I had not felt before" while studying law and working at University Legal Service Assistance at Gonzaga. He says his professors impressed upon him a "commonsensical and compassionate approach to our clients and their issues." In his work, he represents juvenile offenders and at-risk and truant youth. Newhouse says that the number of children living below the poverty line in Yakima County is very high. He is rewarded by representing and advocating for the juvenile offenders in this system, making sure they do not slip through the cracks and helping them obtain the proper rehabilitation they might require.



### **Angie Cavallini ('09)**

**Montana Legal Services Association, Butte, Mont.**

Cavallini is a staff attorney in the Domestic Violence Unit where she typically spends her days assisting clients with obtaining Orders of Protection, Dissolutions of Marriage and helping create parent plans for those in need. Cavallini says she developed an interest in public service as a youngster and "began to understand the importance of serving the community in which I live." Her experience working with handicapped persons and emotionally disturbed children, rebuilding churches and helping in the clean-up effort following Hurricane Katrina helped prepare her for a career in public service. While studying at Gonzaga, she worked with Habitat for Humanity, the Women and Children's Free Kitchen, and interned for a local attorney who did contract work for the public defender's office.

"My job can be emotionally draining. However, when I know I have helped keep one mom safe or have helped empower one victim of domestic violence, it all seems worth it," says Cavallini.

*Gonzaga's Loan Repayment Assistance Program continues to assist graduates who have entered into the practice of public service law. The LRAP is funded by donations from generous alumni and other donors and friends who wish to see the spirit of Gonzaga's mission continue. If you would like to donate to, or have questions about applying for the program, please contact Jeff Geldien at [jgeldien@lawschool.gonzaga.edu](mailto:jgeldien@lawschool.gonzaga.edu).*

## **WLC/WWL Groups Present Award**

First-year Gonzaga law student Christine Hayes recently received the Women's Law Caucus/Washington Women's Lawyer \$2,000 scholarship.

The goals of the Women's Law Caucus (WLC) are to raise awareness of the legal issues that impact individuals; to educate society about the need for change in the traditional perceptions, attitudes and expectations about women; and to help society appreciate the diversity that women bring to the world.

Hayes' scholarship application essay rang true with the mission of the WLC. Hayes has been the Whatcom County Sexual Assault Advocate for the Sheriff's Office along with numerous other volunteer and civic activities.

# SCHOLARSHIP *endowment*



## Gonzaga Law School Endowed Scholarship Program

Over the course of history, Gonzaga University School of Law has graduated many accomplished and well-known attorneys who practice not only in the Pacific Northwest, but throughout the United States, and in all aspects of law.

It remains extremely important to Gonzaga law that our students be given every opportunity to succeed in their goals of becoming successful attorneys. Therefore, we are committed to seek out opportunities to support students during their law school careers.

One of the single most effective ways to ensure that students are able to continue their studies at Gonzaga Law School is through the development of scholarship funds. Of these, endowed funds provide the strong, reliable investment the school can count on to benefit many of our students.

Endowed funds are permanent funds that provide income for a specific purpose designated by the donor. The original gift is invested and annual earnings are distributed as award scholarships.

Gonzaga Law School endowed scholarships are funded by donations from generous alumni and other donors and friends who wish to see the spirit of our mission continue. If you would like to donate or start an endowed scholarship fund, please contact Jeff Geldien at [jgeldien@lawschool.gonzaga.edu](mailto:jgeldien@lawschool.gonzaga.edu) or call 509.313.6121.

In this edition we feature the Philip and Mary Raekes Law Scholarship.

## The Philip and Mary Raekes Law Scholarship Endowment Exemplifies the Ripple Effect

Every scholarship awarded to a Gonzaga Law School student has a ripple effect. Take, for example, the scholarships awarded to Phil Raekes ('59, J.D.) while he attended.

Phil's interest in the legal profession developed when he attended the U.S. Naval School of Justice to become a court reporter. After he was honorably discharged from the Navy, Phil applied and was accepted to Gonzaga Law School.

The year was 1955 — the same year Smithmoore P. "Smitty" Myers became dean.

Thankfully, Phil says, he was awarded three scholarships while in law school. Those awards, plus his day job as a bank teller, enabled him to attend evening law classes. In his senior year, he was judged best speaker in the annual Legal Argumentation.

After graduation, Phil practiced law in the Tri-Cities with a general civil practice focusing on personal injury, real estate and probate law. Later, in 1994, Phil put his hat in the race for Benton Franklin Counties Superior Court Judge and won. "I believed that my 35 years of experience in various fields of the law would be an invaluable asset on the bench," he stated. He served for six years before retiring in 2001. He still enjoys serving as a mediator and arbitrator.

The ripple effect is clear. Had there been no scholarships for Phil, there may have been no law practice launched, no judgeship either. Phil credits Gonzaga with preparing him for



his professional journey. He also is grateful to the late Father Anthony Bischoff, S.J., who was an inspiring mentor.

Phil's links to Gonzaga University have remained strong throughout the years for him and his wife, Mary. They recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Three of their five children are alums. Dr. Julie Grewe graduated from the University in 1990, daughter Amy Cleary graduated from the law school in 1994 and son John graduated from the law school in 1995. Phil served on the Board of Regents from 1986 to 2005 and is Regent Emeritus. In 1999, he received the Distinguished Alumni Merit Award. Friendships with fellow law students, including Joe Gagliardi and Joe Montecucco, have remained strong through the years.

In 1986, in gratitude, not only for the scholarship support which Phil received, but also for the rich and rewarding Gonzaga experience, he and Mary established the Philip and Mary Raekes Law Scholarship to which they contribute annually. They are proud of their endowed fund and are grateful for their opportunity to help law students in the same way Phil received financial help.

Gonzaga University School of Law is thankful for their contributions and proud of Phil, who, in loving service to others, invests in the future generations of students, thus demonstrating the ripple effect.



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*equitable doctrine under which a court reforms a written instrument with a gift to charity as closely to the donor's intention as possible, so that the gift does not fail.* • Courts use cy pres esp. in construing charitable gifts when the donor's original charitable purpose cannot be fulfilled. It is also used to distribute unclaimed portions of a class-action judgment or settlement funds to a charity that will advance the interests of the class. *Black's Law Dictionary* (8<sup>th</sup> ed. 2004).

Through initiatives ranging from continuing legal education, curriculum enhancement, sending students to specialized conferences, and consumer protection litigation, Gonzaga Law School uses cy pres awards to support its efforts to educate students about consumer issues and to protect vulnerable, low-income members of the community against predatory sales and lending practices.

As a nonprofit educational organization, the Gonzaga School of Law and the clinical law program is an appropriate recipient for cy pres awards.

For more information, contact the Gonzaga Law Development office at 509.313.3605.



## FACULTY *scholarship*



### **Professor Upendra Acharya**

In August 2009, Professor Acharya presented a paper entitled “Right to Development: Conspiracy in International Law” at the University of Tokyo’s International Conference of the Asian Society of International Law. This paper also is being published in the “African Executive” — an online opinion magazine. Professor Acharya also participated last summer in a panel discussion on stopping genocide at the annual conference of the International Association of Genocide Scholars at George Mason University.

Professor Acharya presented a paper on the topic “Climate Change and Human Rights Issues: Challenges to Transnational Governance” at a conference in November 2009 called Challenges to Transnational Governance, which was sponsored by the American Bar Association’s International Law Section, International Law Student Association and the New York State Bar Association at Fordham Law School.

His article, “War on Terror or Terror Wars: The Problem in Defining Terrorism,” was published in Volume 37 of the *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy*. Professor Acharya has been selected as one of 32 members of the American Branch of the International Law Association Committee on the Teaching of International Law.



### **Professor Megan J. Ballard**

In November 2009, Professor Ballard’s article, “Post-Conflict Property Restitution: Flawed Legal and Theoretical Foundations,” was accepted for publication in Volume 28 of the *Berkeley Journal of International Law*. Professor Ballard also presented a half-day workshop called “Crafting and Using Student Ratings Instruments” for faculty at Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University.



### **Professor Cheryl Beckett**

Professor Beckett's article, "A Factor by Any Other Name: The Religious Employer's Defense to Contraceptive Equity Claims Under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII," was published in the December 2009 volume of the *Rutgers Journal of Law and Public Policy*. In July 2009, Professor Beckett presented and led a roundtable discussion on "Burnout in the Seasoned LR&W Teacher — Be Careful What You Wish For," at the Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. She presented on a related topic in August 2009 at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Ore.

Professor Beckett presented: "The Top 10 Ethical Issues Facing the Employment Lawyer" at the Spokane County Bar Association Ethics Potpourri in December 2009. Professor Beckett also was reappointed to a second term as a City of Spokane Civil Service Commissioner.

Professor Beckett's article, "Burnout in the Seasoned LR&W Teacher: Be Careful What You Wish For," was published in the spring 2010 issue of the *Second Draft, Celebrating 25 Years of the Legal Writing Institute*, a publication of the Legal Writing Institute.



### **Professor Lynn Daggett**

In November 2009, Professor Daggett presented and published a paper called "FERPA and Student Privacy 2009: New Regulations, Old Problems?" at the Education Law Association Annual Conference in Louisville, Ky. She also served on the committee to select the winner of the Joseph Award, a national student writing award in education law.

## FACULTY *scholarship*



### **Professor Mark DeForrest**

Professor DeForrest presented at the Northwest Legal Writing Conference in Portland, Ore., August 2009 on the topic "Using the 'Letter from a Birmingham City Jail' to Teach Specific Strategies for Persuasive Legal Writing."



### **Professor Gail Hammer**

In August 2009, Professor Hammer was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court's Practice of Law Board for a term ending in 2012. She also gave a presentation to the Gonzaga-in-Florence faculty on "Degrees of Separation: How Injustice Can Result from Knowing Too Much, Knowing a Little, or Knowing Nothing at All."

Professor Hammer also participated in the November 2009 CLE at the law school that focused on ethical issues.



### **Professor Helen Donigan**

Professor Donigan participated in a CLE on family law in November 2009 at Gonzaga Law School that focused on ethical issues.



### **Professor Gerry Hess**

Professor Hess co-presented and facilitated a four-day faculty development workshop for judges at the National Judicial College in August 2009 called “Designing and Presenting Effective Programs.”

In September 2009, Professor Hess and Dean Earl Martin co-authored an article about Gonzaga’s new curriculum entitled “Developing a Skills and Professionalism Curriculum,” that was accepted for publication in the University of Toledo Law Review’s annual *Leadership in Legal Education* issue.



### **Professor Brooks Holland**

Professor Holland’s preview of *Nrisco v. Virginia*, a case involving the confrontation clause, was published in the *ABA Supreme Court Preview*, Issue No. 4, in January.



### **Professor Heidi Holland**

Professor Holland co-presented with Professor Kevin Shelley at the August 2009 Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference in Portland, Ore. Their topic was “The Benefits of Color-Coding: Use of Highlighters as an Essential Legal Writing Tool to Improve Teaching and Learning.”