

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – April 2019

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Important Dates

April 5-6:	Admitted Students Visiting Day Program
April 17:	Classes End
April 23-May 4:	Exams
April 19:	Spring Holiday for Faculty/Staff – Office Closed (April 18 and 22 spring holiday for students only)

Faculty Highlights

Prof. Carter is the faculty sponsor for the Tax Law Society. In March., the Tax Law Society and PILS hosted a VITA site at the Law Center. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) is a service performed by volunteers with support from the IRS. VITA sites offer free tax help to a variety of lower-income tax payers . The Tax Law Society has hosted a VITA site for a number of years aimed at assisting foreign students, faculty, and others in the LSU community prepare their taxes. This year LSU Law students prepared over 150 returns—a significant increase from previous years. A special thanks goes to the officers of the Tax Law Society: Beverly Perkins (President); Riley Frank (Vice-President); and Victoria Heyer (VITA Chair), who worked incredibly hard to make this program work.

The 66th Annual Mineral Law Institute was held March 14-15, 2019 in Baton Rouge. The event was well-attended, with 150 people registering. Prof. Keith Hall serves as Director of the Mineral Law Institute.

Judge Stephen Higginson, U.S. Fifth Cir., joined Prof. Baier in the acclaimed Constitutional Law Seminar as Visiting Alvin B. Rubin Prof. of Law, March 18, 2019.

Prof. Raff Donelson's article "Legal Inconsistencies" has been accepted for publication in the Tulsa Law Review. Donelson also gave the plenary lecture at the South Carolina Society for Philosophy annual meeting on March 8th. On March 21st, Donelson was an invited commentator for the Mass Incarceration and Racial Justice symposium at Saint Louis University.

Prof. Corcos has published "I Am the Master": Some Popular Culture Images of AI In Humanity's Courtroom, 5 Savannah Law Review 45 (2017). She is presenting a talk on "Some Representations of Ethnicity, Gender, and Diversity on Law-Related TV Shows in the U.S.," at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March 22, 2019, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario.

Prof. Church wrote "Wine Certifications and Geographic Indicators: The Non-Certifying Function of American Viticultural Areas." It will appear in a monograph published by Routledge Press in 2019.

Prof. Baier advised Washington Post reporter Joan Greve on the likelihood of the U.S. Fifth Circuit affirming a district court opinion declaring the entire Affordable Health Care Act unconstitutional on March 26, 2019. His assessment appeared in the Post's on-line journal.

HR News and Announcements

Sick Leave: A reminder that per PS-12, sick leave may only be used for yourself for personal illness or injury. Sick leave may not be used to care for a child or family member. Annual leave should be used if you are away from work to care for others. If, for instance, you have a medical appointment and take the rest of the day off, sick leave should be used reasonably for the time of the appointment and annual leave for the time you would normally have returned to work. If you realize you have used sick leave when annual leave should have been used, please make a correction through Workday. Contact Albin Murtagh if you need assistance. More information regarding leave can be found at these links:

[Leave Guidelines for Academic, Professional and Classified Employees](#)

[Leave Guidelines for Annual Leave](#)

Coming in May:

May 17 @ 10 am – Grade Deadline for all Spring 2019 Grades

May 24 @ 10 am – Commencement Ceremony

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