

LSU Law

Monthly Highlights – July 2024

Important Dates and Deadlines

July 4: Independence Holiday, Law Center and University Closed
July 12: Classes End
July 15-19: Summer Exams

Faculty Highlights

Professor Carlota Toledo was recently elected Vice President of the [Association for Academic Support Educators](#) (AASE) during the recent national AASE conference held at the University of Idaho.

Professor Heidi Thompson presented *Scoring a “Perfect 10” in Legal Writing* at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson on June 21, 2024. The presentation was part of “Business Casual,” a lunch and learn organized and hosted monthly by the law firm. The audience comprised attorneys and law clerks from the Baton Rouge and New Orleans offices.

Professor Keith Hall spoke at two events on lithium production rights. He spoke on “Extraction of Lithium from Brine — Exploration Rights and Other Legal Issues” at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Professional Landmen in Boston, Massachusetts on June 21, 2024. In addition, he served as a panelist for the Institute for Energy Law’s webinar entitled “Lithium and Other Minerals: What’s Old is New Again” on June 13, 2024.

Professor Hall gave two presentations on carbon capture and storage. He gave a presentation on “Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage” to the Louisiana State Mineral & Energy Board on June 12, 2024, then answered questions from Board members. In addition, he served as a panelist for a webinar entitled “Recent Developments in Carbon Capture & Storage in Louisiana: Where Do We Go From Here?” The webinar was hosted by the Oil & Gas Committee of the American Bar Association’s Section on Environment, Energy & Resources on June 20, 2024. Professor Hall also participated in a “Pore Space Valuation Workshop” held in Laramie, Wyoming on June 14, 2024, in support of a research project on carbon capture and storage.

Professor Hall attended the annual meeting of the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation’s Board of Trustees on June 9, 2024, in Savannah, Georgia, as LSU Law Center’s representative. He then attended the 45th Annual Energy & Mineral Law Institute, which was held on June 10 and 11, 2024, in Savannah.

From July 26-30, Professor Nick Bryner will serve as a rapporteur for the Model Forest Act Initiative’s Drafting Committee meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, hosted by the Center for

International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the Judicial Research and Training Center for the Supreme Court of Indonesia.

On May 31st, Aimee Self Pittman and Will Monroe presented the pedagogical strategies they incorporated into their Law Practice Technologies course at Teaching the Teachers, a national law librarian conference focused on evidence-based instructional strategies and instructional design.

Ajaye Bloomstone is moderating a panel discussion, “Putting People over Process: Outward Mindset in the Workplace” at the American Library Association Annual Conference on June 30th.

Several librarians are presenting at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in mid-July:

- Aimee Self Pittman is coordinating and presenting a session “Strategic Social Media: Creating Engaging and Accessible Content with Limited Time and Resources”
- Melissa Strickland is coordinating and moderating a panel discussion “Best Practices for Creating Hypotheticals for Legal Research.” Aimee Self Pittman is one of the panelists.
- Ajaye Bloomstone is coordinating three sessions “Electronic Resource Management: A Collaborative Approach to Discovering New Skills and Knowledge,” “Changing Dynamics in the Workplace: Redefining What is “Professional” in the Law Library,” and “A History of Legal Publishing: Let’s Review the Past to Safeguard Our Future.”

Professor Caprice Roberts presented an article on *Algorithm Erasure* at the International Remedies Forum at the University of Dauphine, Paris, France, June 17-18, 2024. The *Louisiana Law Review* will publish this work along with a collection of articles from prominent international remedies scholars who presented at the forum.

Professor Roberts provided commentary on the First Amendment Establishment Clause concerns and anticipated legal challenges about the Louisiana law mandating that the Ten Commandments be posted in public school classrooms. The article appeared in [Salon](#).

Professor Nick Davrados is teaching a course on "The Civil Law System in a Comparative Perspective" at the 2024 Summer School of Civil Law organized by the Civil Law Foundation (Fondation pour le Droit Continental) under the auspices of the Paris Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II) (see: <https://www.fondation-droitcontinental.org/fr/english-speaking-students/>). Professor Davrados is grateful to his mentor and colleague Professor Alain Levasseur who previously taught this course and who recommended Professor Davrados as his successor.

Professor Christine Corcos completed eight years of service on the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Selection Committee for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships. She served as a committee member from 2014-2016 and 2019-2023, and was Chair of the Committee in 2017. Through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Canadian Government awards Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships a year to 100 exceptional researchers in the early stages of their careers. More about the Bantings here. <https://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/2023-2024-eng.html>

Professor Corcos also participated on the panel, “Lights, Camera, Action: Women in Popular Culture,” for the Lafayette Bar Association’s May 31st CLE program, “Running in Heels.”

Career Services Office

Gwendolyn Ferrell, Director of Career Services along with co-presenter, Dr. Karen Britton, Vice Dean for Admissions and Career & Professional Development at the University of South Carolina School of Law addressed attendees at the PLANC 8th Quadrennial Conference, June 12th in New Orleans. The topic of the presentation was “Big Ask in the Big Easy, Integrating Admissions & Career Information to Facilitate the Enrollment Decision”. The conference serves Pre-Law advisors from all six Pre-Law advisor association (APLA) regions. It was such a pleasure to have the presence and support of two LSU Law Alumni, Gregory Bordelon, (2001), Assistant Professor Political Science and Legal Students, Suffolk University, and Rashaan DeShay (2007), Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Texas Christian University as well as our Director of Admissions, Daphne James and LSU Pre-Law Advisor Jennifer Braud. LSU and LSU Law were well represented.



Left to right: Greg Bordelon, Jennifer Braud, Gwen Ferrell, Daphne James, Rashaan DeShay

Congratulations to Dr. McKinzie Craig, Assistant Director of Career Services, for the selection and successful completion of the Summer Institute for the Presidential Data Analytics Fellow Program. As a Fellow, Dr. Craig was introduced to the five-step process and key topics related to leveraging data, with an emphasis on data-informed decision making. As the Fellows continue through the year in the program, they will address a real problem or issue from an administrative unit that can be addressed using data to share with the executive leadership team and other stakeholders across campus at the program’s completion, May 2025. We look forward to incorporating this knowledge and techniques into the processes of the CSO.

Coming in August

Aug. 5: Grade deadline for all summer grades (10 am)
Aug. 5-16: LLM Orientation
Aug. 12-14: Trial Advocacy
Aug. 15-16: Entering Class Orientation
Aug. 19: Classes Begin

Helpful Resources

- LSU Law Monthly Highlights on the web: [LINK](#)

- Law Center Building and Library Hours: [LINK](#)
- Law Center Academic Calendar: [LINK](#)
- Course Schedules and Classroom Assignments: [LINK](#)
- The official University Holiday Schedule (PM-5): [LINK](#)
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