



Ontario • New York
Regional Sociolegal Studies Conference



Monday, May 7, 2007

University at Buffalo School of Law

509 O'Brian Hall, Baldy Conference Center, North Campus

Final Conference Program

9:30-10:00 **Coffee, pastries and introductions**

BOOK EXHIBIT: WEBSITE FOR ATTENDEES' PAPERS & ARTICLES

All attendees are encouraged to bring up to two recent books to put on display at the conference. In addition, a special conference website has been established that will permit all attendees to post up to three recent articles, book chapters, or unpublished manuscripts. A printout of the titles of all scholarship posted on the website will be distributed at the conference. Attendees may also choose to post their recent work on a special conference issue of the Buffalo Legal Studies SSRN Research Paper Series.

10:00-12:00 **ROUNDTABLE: NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE STUDY OF NON-STATE AND TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL ORDERS**

Using a variety of approaches, growing numbers of researchers have examined systems of governance, social control, or legality that are operated and enforced by entities other than nation states. Such legal orders can transcend national boundaries or can operate within states as "private governments." In the early twenty-first century, it has become increasingly important to understand the operations of non-state legal orders and to assess their significance for state-sponsored law and legal institutions.

MODERATOR: **Rebecca French** (UB Law)

PRESENTERS:

Pauline Cheong (UB Communications), and **Jessie Poon** (UB Geography)

"Norms, Religion, and the Internet"

Gavin Fridell (Trent Political Science)

"Fair Trade Coffee and the Limits of Non-State Regulation"

Trina Hamilton (UB Geography)

"New Landscapes of Regulation and Responsibility: The Case of Corporate Campaigns"

David Szablowski (York Law & Society)

"Transnational Law and Local Struggles"

Stepan Wood (Osgoode Hall Law School)

"Legitimation and Governance Beyond the State: What Can ISO Social Responsibility Standardization Tell Us about Competition for Law-Making Authority in a Transnational Setting?"

12:00-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-3:00 **THREE CONVERSATIONS**

Each of the following sessions will be highly informal and involve participatory discussions. All attendees are encouraged to select one of the three conversations and take part by describing their own work. The individuals listed below have agreed to facilitate these conversations and to lead off the discussion by presenting a brief description of their current research.

I) LAW STUDENTS AND LAWYERS

Participants in this session will discuss studies of legal education, law students, lawyers, and the legal profession.

Ronit Dinovitzer (UT Sociology)
Sara Faherty (UB Law)
Angela Fernandez (UT Law)
Bob Granfield (UB Sociology)
Sue Tomkins (UB Law)

2) SECURITY AND BORDERS

This session will address studies of current legal problems and challenges involving official responses to perceived security threats post 9-11. It will include attention to border issues that have immediate relevance to our region.

Katie Friedman (UB Regional Institute)
Teri Miller (UB Law)

3) LOOKING FOR LAW IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

This conversation will discuss the challenges facing researchers who wish to study legal practices at multiple levels and on multiple scales including, for example, community, state, and transnational legal orders.

Susan Drummond (Osgoode Hall Law School)
Barbara Wejnart (UB Women's Studies)
James Williams (York Criminology)

3:00-3:15 **Break**

3:15-5:00 **ROUNDTABLE: SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

In recognition of the 200th anniversary of the British abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, this session will examine continuities and discontinuities between the traditional institutions of slavery and new forms of human trafficking in the 21st century. Presenters will explore how the catastrophic histories of slavery and other forms of human trafficking constitute and destroy concepts of the "human" and human rights.

MODERATOR: **Carl Nightingale** (UB American Studies)

PRESENTERS:

Kamala Kempadoo (York Social Science)

"The U.S. War on 'Modern-Day Slavery'"

Audrey Macklin (UT Law)

"The Old Slavery and the New Trafficking"

Piya Pangsapa (UB Women's Studies)

"Slave Labor in a Global Economy"

Kari Winter (UB American Studies)

"What's New about Slavery?"

5:30 **THAI DINNER AT JARUWAN & DAVID ENGEL'S HOME** (10 minutes from UB Law)

All interested faculty and graduate/law students are invited to attend.

No registration fee, but RSVP required for both the conference and dinner.

Email name and contact info to ekausner@buffalo.edu.

Further details about conference organizers, driving directions, and book exhibit available on our Web site at <http://www.law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/Regional07.htm>.