

CONFERENCES & LECTURES



Ambassador Ron Kirk, 16th U.S. Trade Representative, and Dean Phoebe Haddon



(from left to right) Professor Michael Van Alstine, Professor Robert Percival, Professor Shruti Rana, and Lewis Leibowitz '75

Dean Haddon Shares Global Vision for Law School and Legal Education

ALMOST 400 GRADUATES AND FRIENDS gathered at the School of Law on Oct. 3 for “Justice & the Global Economy,” in celebration of Phoebe Haddon’s appointment as Dean. In her first official address as Dean, “Educating Lawyers with a Global Vision,” Dean Haddon offered her view of legal education’s vital role in creating lawyers who will work around the world to strengthen democracy, promote peace, and advance human rights. “Our collective vision for this school must be grounded in a sense of mission and institutional values that are responsive to the complex, changing nature of our larger world,” said Dean Haddon. “Local issues like lack of quality education, poverty, and unequal access to justice are also universal issues that plague developing and developed nations across the globe—and beg for new solutions that come from our collective thinking and engagement.”

Congressman Elijah Cummings '76 introduced Ambassador Ron Kirk, 16th U.S. Trade Representative, who delivered the keynote address, “The Trade Agenda: Overcoming Challenges, Creating Opportunity,” focusing on trade as a tool of peace and prosperity. Paul Bekman '71, Chair of the School of Law’s Board of Visitors, welcomed Dean Haddon on behalf of UMDLaw’s graduates and friends, as well as the broader Maryland legal community.

The event began with a panel discussion, “Challenges to the Future of International Economic Cooperation,” featuring international trade expert Lewis Leibowitz '75 of Hogan & Hartson, Robert Percival, Director of the Law School’s Environmental Program, and Shruti Rana, Assistant Professor of Law. The event took place at UMB’s new Southern Management Corporation Campus Center and was followed by a reception at the School of Law.

To view photos and a video of the event, visit www.law.umaryland.edu/globaleconomy.

Navigating New Spheres of International Law

AN OVERFLOW CROWD of 400 graduates and friends filled Westminster Hall on Oct. 22 to hear former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright deliver the keynote address of the two-day symposium, “Multilateralism and Global Law: Evolving Conceptions of International Law and Governance.”

“We are well into the 21st century and yet we cannot claim that justice always prevails or that the strong no longer oppress the weak,” said Albright. “This means that law schools still have much work to do. The strengthening of international law is critical to our future, especially as the shape of law changes in response to new circumstances.”

Following her lecture, Albright signed copies of her new book, *Read My Pins: Stories from a Diplomat’s Jewel Box*, which outlined how she became known for wearing brooches that purposefully conveyed her views about the diplomatic situation at hand. In recognition that the lecture took place just yards from Edgar Allan Poe’s tomb outside the Hall, Dean Phoebe Haddon presented Albright with a silver raven pin to add to her collection. The lecture was supported by the Norman P. Ramsey Business Law Fund, established through the generosity of Tucky P. Ramsey in honor of her husband.

Dozens of experts in international law gathered for the conference to discuss topics including: the rise of global environmental law; the impact of the economic crisis on existing structures that regulate international trade; and the trajectory of the relationship between traditional conceptions of international law, and emerging conceptions of global law and governance.

Videos of Dr. Albright’s keynote address and the conference are available at <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/internationallaw>.

Dr. Madeleine Albright (left) signs books for guests of the Ramsey Lecture.



Distinguished Visiting Professors Offer New Perspectives



JOHANN VINCENT VAN DER WESTHUIZEN, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, presented a public lecture, “The Independence of the Judiciary and the Rule of Law,” to conclude UMDLaw’s first International Law Week in October. During his visit, he spoke with students and faculty about his experiences in leading constitutional efforts in South Africa, including his role on the Independent Panel of Constitutional Experts that advised the final drafting of South Africa’s Constitution in 1995.

Prior to joining the Constitutional Court of South Africa in 2004, Justice van der Westhuizen was appointed as a judge in the Transvaal Provincial Division of the High Court of South Africa (now the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria) by President Nelson Mandela. Justice van der Westhuizen led efforts in providing legal resistance to apartheid and was the founding director of the internationally recognized University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights.

SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, delivered the 2010 Pearl, Lawrence I. & Lloyd M. Gerber Memorial Lecture, “View from the Middle Seat,” during her February visit. She also met with students and participated in a faculty panel discussion about the judicial perspective on the modern practice of law, and in a dinner discussion—about the status of women in the legal profession—with law school alumni and faculty.

The first woman to ever serve on the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, Chief Justice Abrahamson was appointed judge in 1976 and as chief justice 20 years later, and has served as the administrative leader of the Wisconsin court system since.

SEC Inspector General Lectures on Madoff Scandal

ON FEB. 25, H. David Kotz, Inspector General of the Securities and Exchange Commission, delivered an insightful and thought-provoking public lecture to the Law School community, “The Madoff Scandal: Why the SEC Failed to Uncover It and How It Can Identify the Next One.”

In his lecture, Kotz described the events leading up to the discovery of the extensive ponzi scheme orchestrated by Bernard Madoff, identified several weaknesses in the SEC’s examinations, and discussed the red flags apparently overlooked in the process. For example, when the examinations revealed inconsistencies or troubling information, the examiners generally discussed the matters directly with Madoff rather than to verify the information with independent third parties. Kotz finished his presentation by explaining several of the recommendations put forth by the Office of the Inspector General as a result of the Madoff investigation.

The lecture was organized by DLA Piper Scholar Stephanie Bignon ’11 and the Business Law Society. As UMDLaw’s Business Law Program works to strengthen its relationship with the Robert H. Smith School of Business, this lecture marked the first formal event bringing together MBA students, JD students, and joint-degree students.



PARTICIPANTS in the *Journal of Race, Religion, Gender & Class’s* symposium on Problem Solving Courts included (from left): Aubrey Fox (Director of Special Projects for the Center for Court Information); Judge Ellen Heller ’77; conference organizers Ingrid Lofgrn ’10 and Chris Madaio ’10; and UMD School of Social Work Professor Corey Shadimah. They discussed the past, present and future of these courts and explored supporting arguments and criticisms of the system in Maryland and nationwide. To view the discussions, visit www.law.umaryland.edu/problemsolving.



REGULATORS, INDUSTRY LEADERS, AND LEGAL EXPERTS gathered at the Law School on Nov. 16 to discuss “Emerging Issues in Food and Drug Law: A National Conference for Lawyers, Policy-Makers, and Corporate Leaders.” Speakers included (from left): Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Former Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Jeffrey M. Senger, Deputy Chief Counsel, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Associate Dean Diane Hoffmann, Director of UMDLaw’s Law & Health Care Program; and Jeremiah J. Kelly ’08, an associate at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston who moderated one of the panels and assisted in organizing the conference. To watch the panel discussions and keynote speeches, visit www.law.umaryland.edu/foodanddrug.