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## **Law School to Host Leading National Scholars to Teach Special January Term**

HONOLULU – Beginning on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, the William S. Richardson School of Law will hold its annual January Term (J-Term) program that offers law students the unique opportunity to take specialized mini-courses taught by leading scholars from around the country. This year, professors from the law schools of Harvard, La Trobe University (Aust.), Seattle, Berkeley and NYU will offer courses on comparative corporate and securities laws of Australia and New Zealand, constitutional law, civil liberties in American History, property rights during rapid social change, and American law under President Obama’s leadership.

“We are particularly grateful to these great scholars who come to the Law School and help us continue our longstanding tradition of excellence throughout our curriculum. This program is in its sixth year now, and continues to offer a tremendous opportunity for students and for everyone at the Law School and throughout the community to get to know and to learn directly from world-renowned scholars who are also wonderfully accessible,” said Dean Avi Soifer.

Mr. Frank Boas, a generous supporter of the Law School, sponsors one visiting Harvard professor each J-Term. This year, Professor Charles Ogletree, the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and Founding and Executive Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice of Harvard Law School, is the 2010 Frank Boas Harvard Visiting Professor. The Wallace S. Fujiyama Distinguished Visiting Professor Fund supports many of our other J-Term professors.

Professor Ogletree will teach a seminar on “President Obama’s Impact on America and Beyond: How Will He Help Shape the Legal Landscape?” His course will examine President’ Barack Obama’s life from his childhood through his election as the first African American President of the United States, with an emphasis on the impact of his leadership on America and the world. Professor Ogletree is a prominent legal theorist and prolific writer with an international reputation as an expert on race and justice. He holds the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law Chair and serves as Executive Director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard Law School. He earned an M.A. and B.A. (with distinction) in Political Science from Stanford University, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, and holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, where he served as Special Projects Editor of the Harvard Civil Rights - Civil Liberties Law Review. He holds honorary doctorates from North Carolina Central University, New England School of Law, Tougaloo College, Amherst College, Wilberforce University, and the University of Miami, School of Law. Professor Ogletree taught both President



Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at Harvard; he has remained close to President Obama throughout his political career.



**Tayyab Mahmud** is Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Global Justice at the Seattle University School of Law, and he is the former Associate Dean for Research and Faculty. He will teach a seminar on “*Comparative Constitutional Law: Coup d’Etat & Common Law.*” This course will compare how courts of common law jurisdictions address the validity of government coup d’etat. Professor Mahmud holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii, and a J.D. from University of California Hastings College of the Law. He has taught at various universities in Pakistan, at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and he was Professor of Law and Chair, Global Perspectives Group at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Professor Mahmud has published extensively in the areas of comparative constitutional law, human rights, international law, legal history and legal theory. His primary research areas are critical legal theory, colonial legal regimes, international law, and post-colonial legal systems. His current research is focused on extra-constitutional usurpation and exercise of power in post-colonial states.



**Harry N. Scheiber** is the Stefan A. Riesenfeld Professor of Law and History at Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley. Professor Scheiber will teach a seminar on “*Emergency Powers and Civil Liberties in American Constitutional History,*” focusing on a selected set of episodes in American History when government exercised emergency powers, with particular emphasis on Japanese-American internment, martial law in Hawai‘i, and the current ‘war on terror’ policies.

Professor Scheiber also serves as the Director of the Institute for Legal Research, Director of the Sho Sato Program in Japanese and U.S. Law, and Co-director of the Law of the Sea Institute at Boalt Hall, and he has served as Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Society. Professor Scheiber holds an A.B from Columbia University, and an M.A. and Ph.D from Cornell University. He received an honorary doctorate of laws from Uppsala University in Sweden, and an honorary M.A. from Dartmouth College.

Professor Scheiber has taught at Dartmouth and UC San Diego, and as a Distinguished Fulbright Lecturer in Australia. He has held Guggenheim, Rockefeller, American Council of Learned Societies, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Social Science Research Council fellowships, and he is an honorary fellow of the American Society for Legal History. He has been president of the Agricultural History Society, the Council for Research in Economic History, and the ACLU of New Hampshire, and he served as chair of the UC Berkeley Academic Senate.

Professor Scheiber has written extensively on American legal history, especially on the history of law and public policy, federalism, and constitutional development. He has also led research projects and written on many aspects of environmental law, including the Law of the Sea and ocean resources policy.



**Frank K. Upham** is the Wilf Family Professor of Property Law, New York University School of Law. He will teach a seminar on “*Property Rights in Economic and Social Development*,” which will analyze the impact upon property rights and entitlements when societies undergo rapid change for political, economic, or technological reasons.

Professor Upham holds an A.B. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Professor Upham taught at Ohio State, Harvard, and Boston College law schools and in the Department of Western Languages at Tunghai University in Taichung, Taiwan. He was also a Japan Foundation fellow, a visiting scholar at Doshisha University, a research fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science at Sophia University, and a visiting professor at Tsinghua University in Beijing. His scholarship has focused primarily on Japan, and his book *Law and Social Change in Postwar Japan* received the Thomas J. Wilson Prize from Harvard University Press.



**Gordon Walker** is Professor and Chair of Commercial Law at La Trobe University School of Law in Melbourne, Australia. This is his second time teaching in the J-Term Program. He will teach a seminar on “*Public Listing Down Under – Australia and New Zealand Company and Securities Law*,” focusing on transactional planning issues involving corporate and securities laws of Australia and New Zealand that share a legal heritage with other British enclaves including Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Professor Walker is also Director of the LLM in Global Business Law and the LLM for

International Students programs at La Trobe. He previously served as Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Law & Management and as Head of School for La Trobe University, and he also taught at the University of Adelaide and Canterbury University School of Law in New Zealand. He was the Lissie Rathbone Scholar at the Otago University where he earned a B.A and LLB, both with honors. He also holds a Dip. Ed. and an LLM degree from the University of Adelaide, an MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management at Sydney University School of Law, and a doctoral degree in law (SJD) from Duke University School of Law.

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