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USC Gould Ranked Top 10 Law School for Hispanics

For the fourth year in a row, the USC Gould School of Law has been named one of the Top Law Schools for Hispanics by HispanicBusiness.com.

[Read more about the ranking.](#)



Call for Alumni Mentors

The USC Gould School of Law's Career Services Office (CSO) is looking for volunteers for its Alumni Mentor Program for second- and third-year law students. In the tradition of the law school's annual 1L Mentor Lunch, this volunteer opportunity will allow 2Ls and 3Ls to develop meaningful mentor relationships with USC Gould alumni working in a practice area and employer-setting in line with the students' career goals. The Alumni Mentor Program is part of a larger student program the CSO offers called the Intensive Career Management Program (ICMP). The ICMP provides students with the opportunity to work closely with a career counselor in the CSO in a more structured manner than the traditional career counseling model. The goal of the program is to motivate students to develop a more active job search strategy.

If you are interested in serving as an alumni mentor, please complete [the online registration form](#). **The deadline to register is Monday, October 22, 2012.** Alumni will be notified in early November once they have been matched with a student. If you have questions

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Staudt to Co-Lead New Schwarzenegger Institute

USC President C. L. Max Nikias and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger have announced the establishment of the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy, which will be housed in the USC Price School of Public Policy. The institute will focus on the responsibility of leaders to transcend partisanship to implement policies that most benefit the people they serve, with five priority areas: education; energy and environment; fiscal and economic policy; health and human wellness; and political reform.

USC Gould Prof. Nancy Staudt, the Edward G. Lewis Chair in Law and Public Policy, will serve as academic director.

[Read more about the institute.](#)



New Book Explores Accuracy of Evidence in Criminal Trials

Human testimony is habitually incomplete and contains an unknown mix of accurate and erroneous evidence, according to Prof. Dan Simon. In his new book, *In Doubt* (Harvard University Press), Simon reviews the psychological phenomena underlying the criminal justice process and offers concrete recommendations for reform.

[Read more about Simon's new book.](#)
[Visit the In Doubt site](#) and [watch video clips](#) of Simon discussing his book.



British Politician Leads Discussion on International Law

Affectionately known as one of Great Britain's "Gang of Four Rebels," Baroness Shirley Williams of Crosby spoke to an International Public Law class at USC Gould last week. She was recently honored as the Emory Bogardus Distinguished Lecturer in the Social Sciences at USC, and her law school lecture was part of a wider visit to the university.

[Read more about Baroness Williams's law lecture.](#)



Legal Career Begins for Class of 2015

On the first day of orientation, USC Gould School of Law Dean of Admissions Chloe Reid said to the Class of 2015: "Go ahead, pinch yourselves. You're really living your dream. You're in law school."

The paths of each of the 188 students seated were unique in length, difficulty, and experience. However, each out-competed 27 other students for a single spot in the class; the law school received 5,012 applications for this year's class.

[Learn more about the Class of 2015.](#)



Student Awarded Dornsife Fellowship

Genocide, mass killings and human rights atrocities are nearly synonymous with Rwanda, an East African country where more than 800,000 people were brutally murdered in 1994. Often forgotten, however, is Rwanda's neighbor to the south, Burundi, which has suffered two waves of genocide, including the 1972 mass murders of Hutus by the Tutsi-dominated army and the 1993 killings of Tutsis by the Hutu.

This summer, Melody Shekari '14 conducted scholarly field work in Burundi to try and find answers through a competitive fellowship awarded from the USC Dornsife 2020 Genocide Resistance Research Cluster.

[Read more about Shekari's work.](#)



Summer Law & English Program a Success

The room is packed. Seated before Dean Robert K. Rasmussen at the opening luncheon for the law school's Summer Law and English Program (SLE) are 116 students.

Nine years ago, when the first summer program was held, there were fewer than two dozen students. The SLE program draws students from across the globe to the USC campus to learn American law and the intricacies of the U.S. legal system, practice the necessary vocabulary to further their English-speaking legal education, and network with classmates both personally and professionally.

[Learn more about the SLE program.](#)

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SEPTEMBER 18: ORANGE COUNTY NETWORKING MIXER

Come mix and mingle with alumni for happy hour at Andrei's, 2607 Main Street, Irvine, Calif. For more information or to register for this event, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate

Relations at 213.743.1710 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

SEPTEMBER 23: USC LAW ALUMNI NIGHT OUT - MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER & TOURNAMENT

Come one, come all to a fun-filled night of entertainment at [Medieval Times](#). Enjoy food and drinks with USC Gould alumni, family and friends while cheering on the Red and Yellow Knight to victory. Don't forget to wear your Cardinal and Gold! Admission for adults is \$57.95 + tax and processing (2 for the price of 1) and children are \$35.95 + tax and processing. To reserve your tickets, please contact Merrily Lennartsen, Group Sales, at 714.521.2342. Mention Group #908547 or USC Law Alumni Association at the time of reservations to receive the discount and to be seated in the Red & Yellow section. Please reserve your ticket by September 13, 2012.

OCTOBER 4: SUPREME COURT PREVIEW

USC Gould will present the fifth annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," featuring distinguished panelists Paul Clement, former U.S. Solicitor General and partner, Bancroft PLLC; Walter Dellinger, former acting U.S. Solicitor General and chairman, O'Melveny & Myers; and Rebecca Brown, USC Newton Professor of Constitutional Law. Lee Epstein, Provost Professor and Rader Family Trustee Chair in Law and Political Science, will serve as moderator. The panelists will discuss and debate the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court Term.

The USC Gould School of Law, a State Bar of California-approved MCLE provider, certifies this activity qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit in the amount of two hours. For more information, contact the USC Gould Events Office at 213.740.3841 or at events@law.usc.edu.

OCTOBER 6: SIX TASTE TOUR IN DOWNTOWN L.A.

The USC Law Alumni Association invites you and your guest for a "progressive meal" walking tour of downtown Los Angeles. Rather than eat an entire meal at a single location, enjoy individual courses that lead to a substantial and complete lunch, from start to finish at multiple restaurants. The tour guide will pick up guests outside of the S. Olive Street entrance of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel (across the street from Pershing Square) at 1:30 p.m. The address of the hotel is 506 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90014. Parking is available at Pershing Square for \$6.50. There is also an open-air lot at the corner of Olive Street and 5th Street for \$6. The cost to attend this culinary tour is \$45.00 per person. To register for this event, please visit <https://www.e-junkie.com/ecom/gb.php?c=cart&i=1136673&cl=81328&ejc=2>. If you don't have a PayPal account, simply click on "Checkout w/PayPal," then click "Don't have a PayPal Account?" to pay as a guest. For more information about this event, or if you have dietary restrictions, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

OCTOBER 27: INSTITUTE ON ENTERTAINMENT LAW AND BUSINESS

The 2012 Institute on Entertainment Law and Business will be held at the USC University Park campus and will feature the big names, informative panels and real-world takeaways seen at past events. [Get a preview of this year's program](#). Please call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education office at 213.821.3580 with any questions.

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER: OVERSEAS ALUMNI DINNERS

The USC Gould School of Law Graduate & International Programs staff

will be hosting various recruitment events overseas this fall ([see full schedule online](#)). During their travels, they will host various USC Gould alumni dinners. All LL.M. and J.D. alumni are welcome! If you are interested in attending one of the events below, please RSVP via e-mail to giprsvp@law.usc.edu.

London, UK

Monday, October 8, 8:00 p.m.
USC Gould Dinner, hosted by Dean Robert K. Rasmussen
Maze Restaurant (Private "Dalby" Room) -- London Marriott, 10 - 13 Grosvenor Square, London W1K 6JP

Milan, Italy

Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.
USC Gould Dinner, hosted by Dean Robert K. Rasmussen
Trattoria Giannino -- Via Vittor Pisani 6, 20124 Milan

Lyon, France

Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.
USC Gould Dinner, hosted by Robert K. Rasmussen
Location TBA

Madrid, Spain

Sunday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.
USC Gould Dinner, hosted by Anne Marlenga (Associate Director, Graduate & International Programs)
Restaurante Villagodio -- Calle de San Agustín 6, 28014 Madrid

Paris, France

Thursday, October 18, 9:00 p.m.
USC Gould Dinner, hosted by Anne Marlenga (Associate Director, Graduate & International Programs)
Café de la Paix -- 5 Place de l'Opéra, 75009 Paris

***SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 3: USC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TAILGATE - USC VS. OREGON**

Join faculty, alumni and friends for the annual alumni tailgate, which will take place in Crocker Plaza, three hours prior to kick-off.

***SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 9: TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE**

The 2012 conference will be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. It is specially crafted for attorneys, trust officers, accountants, financial institution executives, underwriters, insurance advisors, wealth management professionals, paralegals, fiduciary officers and other professionals in the trust and estate planning field. [Learn more about the conference.](#)

Questions?

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