Emerging stars earn recognition, innovative scholarship is supported, and Distinguished Visitors are attracted as the School of Law's faculty continues to grow in reputation.

Promotions
- After four years of service that have seen the faculty's ambitious scholarly agenda grow in a variety of ways, Professor of Law Richard Boldt has completed his term as Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and returned to the faculty full-time.

- A number of outstanding faculty were recognized for their contributions with promotion to Professor of Law. They are: Paula Monopoli, the founding director of the law school's Women, Leadership & Equality Program, and 2004 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award winner; David Super, a prolific scholar who has recently published articles in Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal, Columbia Law Review, and NYU Law Review, among others; and Robin Wilson, a specialist in Health Law and Family Law, and editor of two forthcoming volumes. Brenda Bratton Blom, director of the Clinical Law Program and an expert in community development, was promoted to Law School Professor and Steven Schwinn, the associate director of the Legal Writing Program, who maintains an active pro bono practice with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, was promoted to Law School Associate Professor.

- Succeeding Boldt in the rotating appointed position is Professor of Law Michael Van Alstine, a specialist in international and domestic private law, who has published widely in both English and German in the areas of contracts, commercial law, and international commercial transactions.

- Joining Van Alstine in a new position will be Lisa Fairfax, who has been promoted to Professor of Law and named director of the Business Law Program. Her research and publication interests include corporate governance matters, fiduciary obligations, and securities fraud. Fairfax was voted 2003 Teacher of the Year by the schools' students; in 2002, and again in 2005, she was named Professor of the Year by Maryland's Black Law Students Association.

- Taylor, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and previously an adjunct member of the law school's faculty, has been named an Affiliate Professor of Law.

Research Professorships
Four outstanding scholars have been awarded research Professorships for the upcoming academic year.

- Taunya Banks, Jacob A. France Professor of Equality Jurisprudence and Francis & Harriet Iglehart Research Professor of Law, expects to complete her ongoing book project on Elizabeth Key, which "focuses on the gendered nature of the race relations during the middle of the last century.'"

- Marbury Research Professor of Law Richard Booth plans to produce a book designed to show that investor diversification is a powerful analytic tool that explains a wide array of corporate and securities law doctrines and that should be a central concern of policymakers.'

- Edward M. Robertson Research Professor of Law Donald Gifford has published three lengthy articles on mass product torts, and plans to finalize a manuscript on this topic and develop at least two new significant articles.

- Carole & Hanan Sibel Research Professor of Law Daniel Goldberg plans to continue exploring the theme that "the current income tax system is obsolete and has been made so by technological developments in e-commerce and electronic payments."

Distinguished Visitors
Now in its second year, the Distinguished Visitors Program invites distinguished academics to join the School of Law community for short or longer-term academic appointments.

- Kendall Thomas of Columbia University will join the faculty for the spring 2007 semester. He is a Nash Professor of Law and founding co-director of the Center for the Study of Law and Culture at Columbia University. His teaching and research interests include U.S. and comparative constitutional law, human rights, legal philosophy, feminist legal theory, critical race theory, and law and sexuality.

- José Zalaquett is president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and professor of Human Rights at the University of Chile in Santiago and co-director of its Human Rights Centre. In 1994, Zalaquett was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education. He will visit in spring 2007.
The addition of outstanding teachers with extensive scholarly accomplishments in the areas of constitutional law, international human rights, and civil procedure continues to strengthen the law school's teaching ranks.

MAXWELL STEARNS

A Distinguished Visiting Professor during the 2005-2006 academic year, nationally recognized constitutional scholar Max Stearns has joined the School of Law as a professor, after teaching at the George Mason University School of Law since 1992.

Stearns is teaching an introductory course in constitutional law, an advanced constitutional law course on the First Amendment, Federal Courts, and a unique course on public choice and public law, for which he published a course book entitled Public Choice and Public Law: Reading and Commentary in 1997. He has written two other books: eleven major law review articles (two of which are co-authored), published in such outlets as the Yale Law Journal, the Stanford Law Review, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and numerous shorter pieces.

Maxwell Stearns’s previous permanent appointment was as a Professor of Law at the George Mason University School of Law, where he received tenure in 1996. Professor Stearns earned his B.A. cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in political science and economics in 1983. He received his JD from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1987, and was recognized with membership in the Order of the Coif. While at Virginia, Stearns was an Armour Scholar (1984-87) and served as a member of the Virginia Law Review. Following graduation, he clerked with Chief Judge Harrison L. Winter of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He then worked as a litigation associate for a total of four years with two law firms, Palmer & Dodge of Boston and Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz of Philadelphia. He was initially appointed as an Assistant Professor of Law at George Mason in 1992, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1995, tenured in 1996, and promoted to Professor of Law in 1998. Professor Stearns has held visiting appointments at the University of Michigan Law School (2001-2002), the University of Florida College of Law (Spring 1999), Tel Aviv University (several one-month appointments), and Griffith University of Brisbane, Australia (Summer 2001).

DANIELLE CITRON

Although a new full-time member of the faculty, Danielle Citron is no stranger to students at the School of Law, having earned their "Best Teacher" recognition in 2005. She came to Maryland in 2002 as an adjunct legal writing lecturer, and has taught as a visiting assistant professor of law since 2004.

Before teaching, Professor Citron worked as a litigation associate at Wilkie, Farr & Gallagher in New York City. She served the firm as a MFY Legal Services Fellow, representing clients in landlord-tenant matters. She also served as a law clerk for two years for the Honorable Mary Johnson Lowe of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Professor Citron has been an adjunct associate professor at Fordham University School of Law since 1997. Her article "Minimum Contacts in a Borderless World: Voice over Internet Protocol and the Coming Implosion of Personal Jurisdiction Theory" was recently published in the U.C. Davis Law Review.

Citron is a 1994 Order of the Coif graduate of the Fordham University School of Law. While in law school, she was an associate editor of the Fordham International Law Journal and the captain of the school's national moot court team. She received a B.A. cum laude from Duke University.

Peter Danchin will make a major contribution to the School of Law's growing expertise in international law. Danchin comes to Maryland from Columbia University, where he was a lecturer in the Department of International and Public Affairs and the director of the MIA concentration in Human Rights. His research interests include international human rights law and theory, international law, and legal and political philosophy.

In his capacity as the director of the Human Rights Program at Columbia, he was responsible for directing the Human Rights Concentration of the academic program as well as for organizing conferences, workshops, and student externships.


Prior to Columbia, Danchin was a foreign associate at the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, and a law clerk to Justice Arthur Chaskalson, president of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. Danchin holds a BA and LLB (first class honors) from the University of Melbourne (1994), an LLM from Columbia Law School (1998), and recently completed a JSD at Columbia Law School.