

2008 Montreal Law & Society Association Meeting

Sessions on Citizen Participation in Legal Decision Making

Dear members of the CRN on Lay Participation:

The 2008 meeting in Montreal is just days away. Valerie, Sanja, and I wanted you to have a listing of all the sessions relevant to the keyword "Lay Participation."

Please note that on Friday at 2:30, we will be holding our "business meeting." Given how tough it is to coordinate a social gathering, this is primarily a way for everyone to have a chance to see one another outside of sessions. Please do try to come; we will discuss some business, but mostly we just want to see you!

Below is a listing of the lay participation sessions, by chronological date. Please note that there are two significant conflicts (Thursday at 2:30 and Saturday morning at 10:15). We talked to the main office to point out what a problem this is for us, but to no avail. The paper submissions for this meeting were truly record-setting, and Ron Pipkin had his hands full just trying to find rooms for every session. Avoiding conflicts like these fell to a lower priority. We truly wish it were otherwise, and hope that people can populate both of the very interesting sessions at each of these times. See you soon!

LSA Lay Participation Sessions - 2008, Montreal Meeting

Thursday, May 29th, 10:15 - 12:00 PM

Author Meets Reader: "American Juries: The Verdict" by Neil Vidmar and Valerie Hans

Thursday, May 29th, 2:30 - 4:15 PM

Session: "No Fair or All's Fair: Perceiving Justice in Courts and Trials"

Chair/Discussant: Hillary B. Farber (Northeastern University)

I'm Gonna Call My Lawyer: Low-Income Mother's Use of Legal Services to Address Housing Hardship

*Diana Hernandez (Cornell University)

The Way to Justice? A Comparative Study in Civil Trial Systems

*Chong Ke (University of Victoria)

From the Cincinnati Courthouse Riots to the Judges Bill: Taft's Campaign for Reforming Judicial Administration

*William J. Nancarrow (Curry College)

Public Attitudes to the Criminal Jury

*Julian Roberts (University of Oxford)

Civil Disputants' Perceptions of Dispute Resolution Procedures: A Longitudinal Empirical Study

*Donna Shestowsky (University of California, Davis), Jeanne Brett (Northwestern University)

Thursday, May 29th, 2:30 - 4:15 PM

Paper Session: "Voice in the Law: Talking about and Responding to Laws and Regulations"

Chair/Discussant: Carolyn Shapiro (Illinois Institute of Technology)

Stories from the Jury Room: How Jurors Use Narrative to Process Evidence

*John M. Conley (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), *Robin H. Conley (University of California, Los Angeles)

Trial by Jury in Russian Military Courts

*Nikolai Pavlovich Kovalev (University of Toronto)

Participation and Administrative Law: Getting the Benefits on the Cheap

*Dorit Rubinstein Reiss (University of California, Hastings)

Friday, May 30th, 2:30 - 4:15 PM

Lay Participation in Legal Systems - Business Meeting

Saturday, May 31st, 10:15 - 12:00 PM

Paper Session: "Race, Ethnicity and Juries"

Chair/Discussant: Jeannine Bell

The Effects of Voir Dire and Jury Size on the Composition of the Jury

*Shari Seidman Diamond (Northwestern U/American Bar Foundation), Destiny Peery (Northwestern University), Francis Dolan (Circuit Court of Cook County), Emily Dolan (No Affiliation)

From Russia with Hate: Whether Jurors Acquit Skinheads on the Basis of Victims' Ethnicity

*Nikolai Pavlovich Kovalev (University of Toronto)

Bias in the Courtroom: The Effectiveness of the Challenge for Cause Procedure

*Regina Schuller (York University), Kerry Kawakami (York University)

Saturday, May 31st, 10:15 - 12:00 PM

Paper Session: "The Introduction of Citizens as Legal decision Makers in Japan: Preparing for Saiban-in Seido"

Chair/Discussant: Valerie P. Hans (Cornell University)

How Participatory Are Participants in Japan's New Lay-Participation Trial System?

*Syugo Hotta (Meiji University), Masahiro Fujita (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)

Can Japanese Converse with Professional Judge in Saiban-in System?

*Takashi Maruta (Kwansei Gakuin University)

Unsolved Issues for Saiban-in Seido in Japan: How to Improve Judge and Lay Discussion

*Takaeshi Nishimura (Shimada & Nishimura Law Office)

People's Perception and Expectation on Saiban-in Seido of Japan

*Shozo Ota (University of Tokyo), Yoshiyuki Matsumura (Chiba University), Manako Kinoshita (Doshisha University), Masahiro Fujita (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies)

Communication between Citizens and Judges in Saiban-in Seido

*Ikuo Sugawara (Nagoya University)

Learning from Mock Saiban-in: Importance of Judges' Recognition to Utilize Citizens'

Potentiality

*Harumi Takebe (Kwansei Gakuin University)

Saturday, May 31st, 2:30 - 4:15

Roundtable: "Research Questions for Cross-National Comparisons of Citizen Participation in Law"

Saturday, May 31st, 4:30 - 6:15

Paper session: "When Juries Decide Cases: Influences and Reasoning"

Chair/Discussant: Ellen S. Cohn (University of New Hampshire)

How Capital Jurors Interpret the "Future Danger" Issue

*Robin H. Conley (University of California, Los Angeles), *Gwen Nolan (Cornell University)

Emotional Influences on Legal Judgment

*Neal Feigenson (Quinnipiac University)

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Juries and Intimidation

*Judith Fordham (Murdoch University)

The Role of the Jury in the 1778-1779 Philadelphia Treason Trials

*Carlton FW Larson (University of California, Davis)

The "Common Sense" of Juries: Juror Appeals to Personal Experiences during Deliberations

*Mary R. Rose (University of Texas, Austin), Shari Seidman Diamond (Northwestern U/American Bar Foundation)

Other paper sessions that may be of interest to Lay Participation folks:

Thursday, May 29th, 8:15: "Overseeing the Overseers: From Grand Juries to Appellate Courts"

Friday, May 30th, 8:15: "Understanding Alternatives in Civil, Criminal, and Family Litigation"

Friday, May 30th, 12:30: "Understanding Courts in Context"

Friday, May 30th, 12:30: "Explanations and Emerging Ideas of Criminal Responsibility"

Friday, May 30th, 12:30: "East Asian Law and Society: Linguistic Dimensions of the Courtroom"

Friday, May 30th, 2:30: "How the Law Views Youth and How Youth View the Law"

Saturday, May 31st, 8:15: "East Asian Law and Society: Race and Ethnic Relations and Conflicts"

Sunday, May 31st, 8:15: "Private Practice Lawyers"