

BONNIE GELDMACHER, RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION AWARD



An acquisitions librarian at the Hunter Law Library for the past 25 years, Bonnie Geldmacher is one of four Brigham Young University employees to receive the President's Appreciation Award in August 2011.

Geldmacher's colleagues describe her strongest traits as (1) her consistent dedication to her work, (2) her ability to prudently economize in library purchasing, (3) her devotion to her student

employees, and (4) her repeatedly going the extra mile in many areas.

"Ms. Geldmacher is very adept in supervising staff and student workers," says fellow law librarian Galen Fletcher, '93. "She was the head of the Technical Services Department at the law library from 1998 to 2002, during which time she coordinated the department's successful migration to a new library system while overseeing two faculty librarians, other staff, and students. Her work was recognized with the Law School Employee Award in 2000." He adds, "Bonnie has been an absolute jewel in her efforts to train and work with student employees over the years. Her students stay in touch with her because of her care and focused attention to them during their time here and long after graduation. Every summer, ex-employees stop by specifically to see and thank her."

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DAVID ARMOND AND SHAWN NEVERS RECEIVE AALL AWARD

BYU law library faculty David Armond, '04, and Shawn Nevers, '05, won the AALL Call for Papers Award in the Open Division this year. They presented their winning paper, "The Practitioners' Council: Connecting Legal Research Instruction and Current Legal Research Practice," at the annual conference of the American Association of Law Libraries in Philadelphia this past July. Shawn Nevers previously won the same award in the New Members Division in 2007.

The article grew out of ideas the two had discussed for ways to improve teaching legal research in first-year legal writing and research classes. They wanted input from practitioners who

were using research skills every day in their profession. In 2009 they invited lawyers to be part of a Practitioners' Council to advise them about current legal research practice.

"You mean you want to make law school reflect what we actually do in practice?" an attorney responded to their invitation to be part of the council. Armond and Nevers are experts in using a variety of legal resources, but they wanted a connection to current legal research in law practice. The council, made up of seven practicing attorneys, now acts as an advisory board regarding current research practice and provides real-world insight and experiences to enhance teaching.

The council meets for lunch with Armond and Nevers during the year in brainstorming sessions where differences between academic and client-based research are highlighted. Practitioners have shared what feature they use most often in electronic researching, skills they think new attorneys must have, and ways to avoid the same mistakes practitioners often make.

Armond and Nevers continue to use the Practitioners' Council to inform their teaching. Their perspective on assignments has changed. "We found that our checklist approach to legal research skills needed more refinement. Not only would we need to develop assignments that required finding a statute, but also the exer-



cises would have to teach the student how to develop sensitivity for how difficult the discovered statute would be to apply. Not only would time limits need to be part of the micropracticums, but also we would need to teach students to be aware of how timing increases the difficulty of assignments. The Practitioners' Council helped us to understand the metacognitive elements of a task we were likely to take for granted."



BYU LAW ALUMNI ARE NEW MISSION PRESIDENTS

Nine graduates of J. Reuben Clark Law School have been called to serve as mission presidents throughout the world.

① Jeffrey G. Boswell, '76, with his wife, Shirley J. Boswell, has been called to preside over the Baltic Mission. Boswell is a shareholder with Kimble, MacMichael & Upton in Fresno, California.

② Jordan W. Clements, '82, is a managing partner of a private equity investment firm. He and his wife, Julie A. Clements,

are serving in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission.

③ Fred D. Essig, '82, has been called as mission president over the Chile Santiago North Mission, where he serves with his wife, Mary Ann S. Essig. He is a partner in the firm Dixon & Essig in Salt Lake City.

④ David L. Glazier, '81, shareholder at Kirton & McConkie in Orem, Utah, is president of the El Salvador San Salvador Mission with his wife, Beverly B. Glazier.

⑤ Jon M. Jeppson, '76, with his wife, Bonnie B. Jeppson, serves in the New Jersey Morristown Mission. He is a cofounder of the law firm Matheson, Mortensen, Olsen & Jeppson in Salt Lake City.

⑥ Michael A. Neider, '76, and his wife, Rosemary C. Neider, preside over the Nevada Las Vegas Mission. He is president of Miro Industries, Inc., in Sandy, Utah.

⑦ Evan A. Schmutz, '82, a member manager of Hill, Johnson & Schmutz in Provo, Utah, presides

over the Philippines Cebu Mission with his wife, Cindy L. Schmutz.

⑧ Karl M. Tilleman, '90, with his wife, Holly B. Tilleman, is president of the Canada Vancouver Mission. He is a managing partner at Steptoe & Johnson LLP in Phoenix, Arizona.

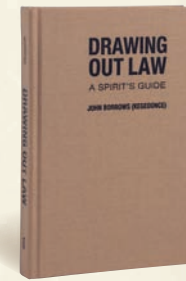
⑨ Mark A. Wolfert, '83, serves in the Georgia Atlanta North Mission with his wife, Carol A. Wolfert. Residing in Orem, Utah, he is partner and general counsel for dōTerra International.

John Borrows, *Drawing Out Law: A Spirit's Guide*

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I have long felt that the *Clark Memorandum* should be a vehicle for introducing the writing of its members to the Law Society as a whole.

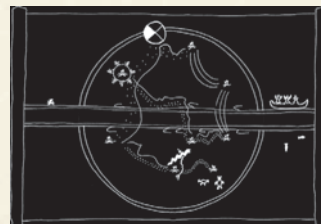
John Borrows was a visiting professor of law at BYU Law School during fall semester 2007. As a fellow of the Trudeau Foundation, he was able to work on two of his books, *Canada's Indigenous Constitution* (University of Toronto Press, 2009) and its companion volume, *Drawing Out Law: A Spirit's Guide*, during his semester here. In the former volume, Borrows recognizes Canada as “a legally pluralistic state” and seeks to explain the significant role that indigenous legal traditions should play in Canada. The companion volume, *Drawing Out Law*, is an episodic narrative that combines biography, oral tradition, dream, pictography, and theology to convey the power of Borrows' own Anishinabek legal heritage.



To demonstrate three strategies that contemporary indigenous people may employ in Canada, one of Borrows' episodes describes a political meeting where indigenous candidates for Parliament relate their views. After the candidates speak, an elder relates the following:

In the old days, we used to weave lessons from the natural world into our teachings. Our leaders would expand our understanding by telling stories. They understood that stories could appropriately combine reason and emotion when they correlated with one another. We need more true stories to help us make sound decisions. . . . Our hearts and minds have to line up when we make a decision; these men are not helping us. They [the candidates] are too one-sided, too focused on reason alone. Stories may be hard for some to understand, and may be too open-ended for others, but that's part of their beauty. They generate innovation and creativity. They leave some of the work in making judgments to those who are listening to them. Stories don't force your mind to the speaker's conclusions in the same way that words alone do. Stories respect a person's agency. I wish more of our people would function in this way again. [215]

Borrows follows the Elder's advice; he weaves lessons from the natural world into his narrative. He informs the “heart and mind” of the reader through stories, dreams, and pictographs. *Drawing Out Law* is an odyssey of the spirit that the narrator, a young law professor, takes through the Four Hills of Life. The reader accompanies the professor in his odyssey as he is guided to a deeper understanding of his Anishinabek culture and legal heritage by his grandparents, Nokomis and Mishomish. The reader is beckoned along with the professor to sit at their fire and hear their stories—eventually being encircled in the Anishinabek worldview. As the narrative concludes, the young professor watches Nokomis and Mishomish ascend the last hill, gaze back at their own valley, and see Anikee (Thunderbird). The professor's love for them is evident, and the reader's admiration is transformed into reverence.



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