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Intellectual Property Journal, Vol. 2). Analyzing the 2006 Supreme Court decision on patent infringement, Reis asks why the court distinguished between rights and remedies in this case and asks, "Is this potentially a line in the sand drawn by the court based on their constitutional obligations under separation of powers?"

Associate Professor **Rick Su**, "A Localist Reading of Local Immigration Regulations" (*North Carolina Law Review*, Vol. 86). Su debunks the idea that immigration restrictions at the local level are a new development, saying that local immigration regulations "reflect a natural extension of how we've traditionally used legal rules to organize our local communities to deal with demographic and socioeconomic diversity and change."

Associate Professor **Winnifred Fallers Sullivan**, "Religion Naturalized: The New Establishment" in Courtney Bender and Pamela Klassen, eds., *After Pluralism* (Columbia). Sullivan's book chapter explores the idea that a new naturalization of religion is present in U.S. legal contexts. Moving beyond church-state separation, she writes, "There are no churches left to establish or to disestablish. In their place, the human, every human, is now imagined by law as being in need of spiritual care."

Associate Professor **Mateo Taussig-Rubbo**, "Outsourcing Sacrifice: The Labor of Private Military Contractors" (*New York University Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*). Taussig-Rubbo notes the tenuous legal position of armed private military contractors, and argues that the emergence of the contractor is an effort by U.S. officials to avoid the political liability entailed in calling a loss a sacrifice.

Associate Professor **Ruqaiyah Yearby**, "Striving for Equality, But Settling for the Status Quo in Health Care: Is Title VI More Illusory Than Real?" (*Rutgers Law Review*, Vol. 59). Title VI, part of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin in programs receiving federal financial assistance. But Yearby finds evidence of unequal treatment in such measures as delay of transfer from hospitals to nursing homes, denials of admission to nursing homes, and disproportionate populations of African-Americans in nursing homes providing substandard care.



Law School Professor James A. Wooten has been appointed director of the Charles B. Sears Law Library and vice dean for legal information services, effective Aug. 14. Wooten will be responsible for the overall management and direction of the Law Library. His appointment was made by SUNY Distinguished Professor and UB Law Dean Makau Mutua.

"Jim has a great passion for books and research," said Mutua. "He is in tune with the changing nature of law libraries in the information age and the importance of the law library to our school and the greater Buffalo legal community. Jim is a collegial member of the Law School community, and I feel very fortunate to have him leading our library and on my leadership team."

Wooten teaches courses at UB on pension and employee benefit law, federal income taxation and federal tax policy. He has also taught bankruptcy, legislative policymaking, and law and economics. Wooten's research focuses on regulatory and tax policies that affect retirement plans, health plans and other employee benefit plans. He serves on the steering committee of the Tobin Project and chairs its working group on retirement security. Wooten is also a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance and a fellow of the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

"For the last decade, my research has focused on federal policymaking in the fields of employee benefit law and taxation," Wooten said. "The major puzzle was to understand why Congress would pass legislation that was opposed by business and most of organized labor. The answer is in my book, *The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974: A Political History*, which appeared in January 2005.

"More recently, I have analyzed the origins of the financial problems at the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. My research on ERISA has given me a fascination with legislative policymaking. Over the next year, I plan to begin work on a book on the politics of policymaking in the U. S. Congress."

Wooten grew up in a small steel town in northeast Texas. After graduating from Rice University in 1981, he moved to the University of Chicago, where he spent two years pursuing graduate studies in the Department of Anthropology. In 1985, Wooten entered a J.D./Ph.D. program at Yale University. After completing his law degree in 1989, Wooten clerked for Federal District Judge William Wayne Justice of the Eastern District of Texas.

In 1992-93, Wooten was an associate at Bredhoff & Kaiser, one of the nation's leading firms in the fields of labor and employee benefit law. Wooten later served as Legal History Fellow at Yale Law School and as a Golieb Fellow in Legal History at New York University School of Law before joining the faculty of UB Law School in 1995. Wooten received his Ph.D. in American studies from Yale University in 2003.