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David A. Westbrook, Louis A. Del Cotto Professor. Westbrook thinks and writes about the social and intellectual consequences of contemporary political economy. His work touches on numerous disciplines, including law, economics, corporations and finance, sociology, anthropology and cultural studies. He also serves as the Law School’s director for global strategic initiatives. Among his books is Deploying Ourselves: Islamist Violence and the Responsible Projection of U.S. Force (Paradigm Publishers, 2010). This professorship was endowed by a major donation from Brian Baird ’83 and other former students of the late Professor Louis A. Del Cotto ’51, who taught tax at the Law School for more than 40 years. Baird, who is of counsel with the Buffalo law firm Kavinoky & Cook LLP, serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council and on the campaign steering committee of the Law School, and also is a trustee of the charitable Cameron and Jane Baird Foundation.

Patrick Long ’00
honored for teaching skills

Patrick Long ’00, who coordinates and teaches in the Law School’s Legal Analysis, Writing and Research (LAWR) program, has been tapped for special recognition as a legal writing professor.

Students chose Long to receive the Faculty Award at this year’s Commencement ceremonies. The Law School now has submitted his name for recognition at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. At the meeting, Jan. 2 to 5 in New York City, Long will be recognized as one of AALS’ “Teachers of the Year.” He will also be acknowledged in the association’s February newsletter.

“Pat Long is simply one of the best research and writing professors in the country,” says Dean Makau W. Mutua. “His masterful command of legal argument, and his superior ability to teach legal skills to lawyers in embryo, is one of the reasons our LAWR program is without doubt a key cornerstone of SUNY Buffalo Law’s curriculum.

“Pat’s recognition as the best professor at SUNY Buffalo Law by the 2013 graduating class is a fitting nod to an excellent teacher, a mentor and a caring academic. We are honored he will be so recognized at AALS.”

Long, whose undergraduate degree is from Harvard, spent four years in the Navy and taught English for four years at the private Nichols School in Buffalo before enrolling at SUNY Buffalo Law School. After graduation, he practiced litigation for five years with the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, then returned to Nichols before joining the Law School faculty.

Recognizing an audiovisual master at work

A Law School librarian who helps to make learning a multimedia experience has been honored for her work by UB’s Professional Staff Senate.

Anne Marie Swartz, an instructional support technician in the Charles B. Sears Law Library’s Koren Audiovisual Center, received the Outstanding Service Award at a June 6 luncheon. The award recognizes “professional excellence and outstanding service of noteworthy scope and depth which is beyond that encompassed by the job description.”

The Professional Staff Senate is an organization that represents 2,500 professional employees of the University.

Swartz, who joined the Law Library in 2000, has primary responsibility for the audiovisual equipment – the laptops, DVD players, document cameras and projectors – used by professors and other presenters in the Law School, equipment that often must be set up, wired properly and tested in a 10-minute window between classes. She manages a rotating staff of about a dozen students and juggles staff, equipment and clients in a fast-paced environment. Swartz has a master’s degree in library science.

Terrence McCormack, associate director of the Law Library and manager of Law School technology, nominated Swartz for the award.