
Part One: Report of Activities

A. Summary of Academic Year 2014-15
1. Executive Summary

This was another busy but productive year at the East Asian Legal Studies Program, with a great deal of activity in teaching, research, counseling of students, fostering of student activity, presenting speakers on an array of subjects, hosting a dynamic group of visitors (some mid-career, some earlier in their academic trajectory) from jurisdictions throughout East Asia, and collaborating with other programs at the Law School and departments of the University on a variety of projects.

2. Research, Scholarship and Project Activities
   a. Areas of Inquiry – Mission Statement (Brief Overview)

   East Asian Legal Studies is the western world’s oldest, largest, and most comprehensive academic program devoted to the study of the law and legal history of the nations and peoples of East Asia and their interaction with the United States. Founded in the 1960s, EALS is home to a vigorous program of teaching, research, and public service that enables leading scholars, public figures, lawyers, and students from throughout the East Asia region and the United States to mix with one another and with their counterparts from the rest of the world.

   The Program offers an introduction to and advanced work on the legal systems of East Asia through courses and seminars on a range of subjects, drawing on the specialties of the Law School’s permanent faculty and distinguished teaching visitors from throughout the world. In addition, the Program sponsors research conducted by scholars in residence and offers an active co-curricular program that includes a speaker series that combines lectures and seminars on comparative law and East Asian legal themes and active engagement with various student groups concerned with the region.

   b. Research and Scholarship

   Faculty

   **Professor William Alford,** ’77, Henry L. Stimson Professor of Law, Director of the East Asian Legal Studies Program, Vice Dean for the Graduate Program and International Legal Studies, and Chair of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability. Professor Alford taught a 1L international legal studies course entitled “Why Law? Lessons from China?,” co-taught the International and Comparative Law Workshop (with Professor Intisar Rabb), and led a 1L reading group on China in Africa and an upper level reading group entitled “China and the World,” (jointly conducted with Renmin University Law School of China). In addition, he oversaw the HLS Graduate Program and International Legal Studies, in which capacity he led the weekly SJD colloquium.
Professor Alford moderated several programs throughout the year at HLS and the University more broadly, spoke twice at Boston College Law School (once to faculty and once to students), and delivered the Grand Justice Ma Han-pao Lectures at National Taiwan University in December. Professor Alford was a recipient of this year’s Harvard Law School Alumni Association Award, and in that connection, delivered a talk at the Marshall Center in Paris.

Professor Alford’s on-going research concerns Chinese law and legal history.

Professor J. Mark Ramseyer, ’82, Mitsubishi Professor of Japanese Legal Studies, returned from his sabbatical in Tokyo in September. He taught courses on American corporate law and various facets of Japanese law, and lectured at a variety of institutions. He is continuing his research on the relationship between social capital and organized crime.

Professor Mark Wu, Assistant Professor of Law, taught a 1L course on law and the international economy, a 1L reading group on the challenges facing China, an upper-level course on international trade, and an upper-level reading group on law and the global health crisis. Professor Wu moderated several panels during the academic year related to international trade and investment. He also delivered a guest lecture on Chinese enforcement of its IP treaties at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He presented his work concerning Chinese trade practices at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the European University Institute, and the University of Stockholm.

Visiting Professor Michael Stein, ’88, in addition to his role as Research Fellow and Visiting Professor, is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability (HPOD). He worked throughout 2014-2015 on disability issues pertinent to Asia by facilitating domestic-level implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in several countries but primarily in China and Vietnam. For more information, see www.hpod.org. He taught a course on Disability, Human Rights, and Development, mentored students across the University interested in disability rights, and continued to publish widely, including several articles on disability rights.

In addition, EALS supported the work of or helped facilitate the interest in Asia of a number of other faculty members, including Matthew Stephenson regarding Indonesia and Intisar Rabb regarding Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement discussions in Brunei.

c. Clinical Work, if applicable

Professor Alford oversaw several JD, LLM and SJD students doing Winter Term clinical and foreign research projects. Professor Wu also supervised a number of JD and LLM Winter Term projects. Both oversaw foreign JD students fulfilling their curricular practical training requirement during the summer. Both also helped oversee JD students engaged in pro bono work.

d. Other Activities

i. Conferences
ii. Workshops

The Visiting Scholars at EALS spoke about their research in informal meetings led by SJD candidate Kibrom Teweldebirhan, LLM ’13, the coordinator for EALS visitors. Participants in these roundtable discussions and the topics of their presentations were:

Guan Chenghua (Associate Professor, Beijing Normal University, PRC): “Electronic Governance and Its Legal Foundation: The US Experience” - October 27

Gen Goto (Associate Professor, Graduate Schools of Law and Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan): “A Political Analysis of the 2014 Reform of Japanese Companies Act: Mandatory Appointment of Outside (Independent) Directors” - November 14


Xu Sanqiao (Partner, Jingtian & Gongcheng, PRC): “A Chinese Lawyer's Perspective on the US Federal Discovery System” - April 6

Han Shiyuan (Professor, Tsinghua Law School, PRC): “The Application of the CISG in International Commercial Arbitration in China” - April 13


Seungyi Paik (Senior Associate, Kim & Chang, Korea): “Franchise Encroachment – Recent Revision of Fair Franchise Transaction Law in Korea and Comparative Analysis” - April 27


Shen Yunyu (Doctoral candidate, University of International Business and Economics, PRC): “The Role of Competition Policy in China’s Economic Transition” – May 6


Seong Yeob Lee (Partner, Kim & Chang, Korea): “Back to the Future in the Condominium Law” – May 18

Other Events

iii. Events

At the opening of each academic year, EALS holds an orientation session on the nature and activities of the Program for the benefit of all interested persons at HLS, Harvard College
and other parts of the University, as well as those from other academic institutions, firms and civil society organizations in and around Boston and other parts of Massachusetts.

Throughout the year, EALS provided a forum for the work in progress of scholars and practitioners who were invited to present papers for serious discussion.

Professor Wang Heng visited EALS from the Southwest University of Political Science and Law (PRC), where he is the Director of the Center for Teaching and Research of WTO Disputes. In a talk co-sponsored by the Harvard Asia Law Society, Professor Wang spoke on “The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation: Who Wins? Who Loses? A Chinese Perspective.”

HLS librarians once again offered their guidance on the use of Harvard’s collections. Dr. Nongji Zhang, HLS Bibliographer for East Asian Law and Mariko Honshuku, HLS Librarian for Japanese Law, led a tour of the library during the first week of the fall semester for the EALS Visiting Scholars. EALS hosted the library workshop that they presented for students, “The Best Resources to Use for East Asian Legal Research at Harvard.”

EALS co-sponsored a number of speakers this year with the China Law Association, a new student organization. Professor James Guanzhong Wen of Trinity College, Hartford, CT, gave a lunchtime talk on “Compulsory Land Collectivization and Exclusive Urbanization: The Main Causes of Much Worsened Income Distribution in China?” Professor Wen teaches economics and international studies at Trinity and continued his informal discussions with students in an afternoon coffee hour.

Neysun Mahboubi, Research Scholar at the Center for the Study of Contemporary China at the University of Pennsylvania, gave a lunchtime talk entitled “Chinese Administrative Law Reform after the Communist Party’s Fourth Plenum,” which was co-sponsored by the Harvard Asia Law Society.


The China Law Association also co-sponsored the visit of Professor Chen Ruoying, who discussed “Invited Takings: Supermajority, Assembly Surplus and Local Public Financing.” She is Associate Professor at the Peking University Law School.

Vikna Rajah, Partner at Rajah & Tann in Singapore discussed the “Exchange of Information Among Tax Authorities: Strengthening the Rule of Law in Asia.”

EALS co-sponsored a presentation by Margaret Ng, a barrister in private practice and a former Legislative Council Member in Hong Kong. Her topic of discussion at this special event organized by the Fairbank Center was “Is It Possible to Have Democracy in Hong Kong under China?: An Exploration of Beijing’s Offer for Political Reform for 2017.” The Harvard-Yenching Institute co-sponsored.
Yoshimasa Furuta, LLM’95, now Partner at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, gave a lunchtime talk entitled “We Want to Vote: Why Did Japanese Abroad Have to Sue Their Own Government?” He is also Professor from Practice at the University of Tokyo.

EALS co-sponsored a seminar organized by the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, “Judicial Reputation and Legal Reform in Japan.” The primary speaker was Tom Ginsburg, Leo Spitz Professor of International Law at the University of Chicago Law School, and the event was moderated by Professor Ramseyer. Professor Ginsburg also gave a paper in The International and Comparative Law Workshop.

The Human Rights Program and EALS co-sponsored a panel discussion of accountability and its place in Myanmar’s reform efforts, entitled “Ties to the Top: The Role of Government Officials in Human Rights Abuses in Myanmar.” The panelists were: Roger Normand of Justice Trust, Matthew Smith of Fortify Rights, U Teikkha Nyana, a Buddhist monk, and U Aung Thein, a Supreme Court advocate.

The Korea Institute joined EALS in sponsoring a lunchtime talk by Chaihark Hahm, SJD ’00 and Professor of Law at the Yonsei University College of Law (Korea). Professor Hahm discussed “Of Revolutions and the Sovereign People: Constitutional Founding in Japan and Korea.”

Sabine Stricker-Kellerer, LLM ’83, Senior China Counsel at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Munich (Germany), discussed “Upcoming Changes to China’s Foreign Investment Regime and How They Affect Doing Business in China.” The Harvard Asia Law Society co-sponsored.

e. **Scholars in residence**

Each year, EALS hosts a number of visitors who are in residence for one to twelve months.

**Visiting Scholars** at EALS for all or part of 2014-2015 and their areas of research:

Araki, Takashi (Japan): labor law (July)
Bang, Seung-Ju (Korea): constitutional law (July – August)
Chen Chi-Hao (Taiwan), (July – August)
Chen Chun-Han, LLM ’13 (Taiwan): human rights, disability law (July)
Chen Yun-Ru, SJD ’13 (Taiwan): legal history, family law (July)
Ding Ru (China): state-owned enterprises, WTO (September – June)
Goto, Gen (Japan): corporate law (August – June)
Guan Chenghua (China): constitutional law and IT (July – June)
Han Shiyuan (China): contract law (September – June)
Kawai, Mai, LLM ’14 (Japan): trade law (September – June)
Lee, Joon-Hyong (Korea): condominium law (August – June)
Lee, Seong Yeob (Korea): IT law and policy (September – June)
Liu Ziping (China): financial regulation (August – June)
Na, Sang Hoon (Korea): civil procedure (September – June)
Paik, Seung Yi (Korea): franchise law (September – June)
Rooste, Joshua (Australia): religious pluralism in Indonesia (August – November)
Shen Yunyu (China): competition policy (September – June)
Sugita, Takahiro (Japan): corporate law (April – June)
Wang Ruobing (China): disgorgement damages (September – June)
Xu Sangqiao (China): discovery of evidence, dispute resolution (September – June)
Yang Guang (China): microfinance (January – June)

Research Fellows
EALS was host to four senior researchers:

Dr. Penelope Stein continued to promote the human rights of people with disabilities in Asia by creating and supporting educational and programming materials on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in China, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. For more information, see www.hpod.org.

Tai Van Ta, LLM ’85 has been involved again this year in discussions of ways to alleviate conflicts between Vietnam and China in the South China Sea, and to advocate for national reconciliation and human rights in Vietnam.

Tai participated in an international conference at Berkeley on the South China Sea dispute in September, presenting the legal foundations of Vietnam’s claims to the controversial land features and maritime zones. He was also a speaker in May 2015 at a Harvard symposium on “Land Reclamation in the South China Sea and its Impact on Regional Peace and Stability” sponsored by the Association of Vietnamese Students and Professionals in U.S. He appeared on Vietnamese-American radio and television stations to advocate for support within the Vietnamese-American community for the use of law to maintain peace as well as Vietnamese and American interests in the South China Sea.

Dr. Karen Gottschang Turner (Professor of History and Distinguished Professor of Humanities at the College of the Holy Cross) taught courses on Vietnam and China and served as Director of Asian Studies at the College of the Holy Cross.

Her article, “Kingship and Elite Formation in Rome and Han China,” co-authored with Danish historian of the Roman Empire, Peter Bang, appeared in early 2015 in a volume edited by Stanford University classics professor Walter Scheidel: State Power in Ancient China and Rome. She organized, chaired, and served as discussant for a panel on elite recruitment in traditional conquest societies at the European History and Social Sciences Conference in Vienna in 2014. This panel brought together her colleague, Peter Bang, and two other historians to compare patterns of governance in different traditional, bureaucratic empires and is part of her ongoing work in comparative history.

In conjunction with Gwenn Miller, she presented a paper on the Canton Trade for the conference on global encounters at Holy Cross. This joint paper, “The Canton Trade through the Friendship of Cushing and Howqua,” offered an opportunity to explore interactions between the U.S. and China in the pre-Opium war era, a departure from her
usual work on early China. They revised the paper for presentation at the World History Conference in Savannah, Georgia, in late June, 2015.

Professor Turner continued her work with scholars in China on early legal culture and presented a paper at an international conference on the Yellow Emperor texts and the rule of law organized by Tsinghua University Law School and held in the North China village of Zhoulu.


She was interviewed for the Worcester Women’s Oral History Project, and the interview will be archived. Her work on women at war in Vietnam was mentioned in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. She distributed copies of her documentary film, “Hidden Warriors: Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail,” to several libraries, including Amherst College’s library.

She is well underway on a new project, a chamber opera based on the documentary film she produced with Phan Thanh Hao: “Hidden Warriors: Women on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Composer Shirish Korde is working with librettist le thi diem thuy (author of The Gangster We Are All Looking For), and musicians Van Anh Vo and Wu Tong. The opera will have its premiere at Holy Cross on March 31, 2016.

Margaret Woo (Professor of Law at Northeastern University School of Law) served as a visiting researcher with the Max Planck Institute for International and Procedural Law in Luxembourg for five weeks in April 2015. She participated in the intellectual life of the Institute and presented a lecture on “Bringing Order out of Chaos: The Fourth Plenum’s Decision on ‘Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics’.” While in Europe, she was also invited by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to give a presentation as part of their Asian Seminar series, which was open to the public and drew an audience from different sectors in Oslo. The series was co-sponsored by the Norwegian Center for Human Rights.

Her article, “Manning the Courthouse Gates: Pleading, Jurisdiction and the Nation-State,” is part of a symposium issue in honor of Professor Stephen N. Subrin, and is forthcoming in the University of Nevada Law Review. She co-organized the symposium, which was held at Northeastern University School of Law in April 2013. Her chapter “Justice and China’s Civil Litigation System,” will appear in Colin Picker & Guy Seidman, eds., The Dynamism of Civil Procedure Global Trends and Development (Springer, forthcoming).

In addition to her publications, Professor Woo presented several papers: “Global v. Local Equality” at the Mid-Year AALS Workshop on Transnational Perspectives on Equality Law, in Washington, D.C. in July 2014; “Justice and China’s Developmental State” via
Skype for the conference “China: The Justice Experience” held at the Gold Coast, Australia in July 2014; “Procedure and the Constitution” for presentation at the International Association of Procedural Law Annual Conference held in Seoul in October 2014. As the US national reporter, Professor Woo prepared a report on “Civil Interim Relief in the US” for the World Congress of the International Association of Procedural Law held in Istanbul in May 2015. She gave a presentation at the Critical Issues Confronting China Seminar Series at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies in the Fall of 2014. The topic “Bringing Order out of Chaos: Anti-Corruption and the Fourth Plenum” was convened by Ezra Vogel, Professor and Director of the Center and cosponsored by the Asia Center and the Ash Center at the Kennedy School. She was the lead organizer for the national conference of Asian American Law Professors held at Northeastern in March 2015. The conference “Beyond Black and White: Asian Americans in the Legal Academy” brought together Asian American law teachers from around the country, and included such keynote speakers as Justice Fernande Duffly of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and Provost Frank Wu from the University of California, Hastings School of Law.

Professor Woo continues to serve as co-editor for the *Journal of Legal Education*, as an outside reviewer for various journals and for the Fulbright Senior Scholars program.

3. Contributions to HLS Teaching Program

   b. Professor Wu taught a 1L course on law and the international economy, a 1L reading group on the challenges facing China, an upper-level course on international trade, and an upper-level reading group on law and the global health crisis. He also supervised a substantial number of papers.

   c. Professor Alford once again taught the 1L comparative law course, “Why Law? Lessons from China,” which was also open to LLM candidates and in which 96 students enrolled. He co-taught with Professor Intisar Rabb the international and comparative law workshop. In addition, he taught a reading group, “China and the World,” for which five of the six sessions were held via video conference technology in conjunction with a comparable class at Renmin University of China. He also led a 1L reading group on China in Africa.

   In addition, he supervised over two dozen third-year papers, independent study projects, LLM papers, papers in other departments and doctoral projects.

   d. EALS supported four teaching visitors in 2014-2015:

      Visiting Professor Koichi Kusano co-taught “The Law and Practice of Japanese Business” with Professor Ramseyer in the Fall semester. He is Senior Partner at Nishimura &
Asahi, Professor of Law at Keio University, Director of Rakuten, Inc. and Corporate Auditor of Koito Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Visiting Professors Sang Jo Jong and Woo-Young Rhee, LLM ’97 of Seoul National University taught “Understanding Korean Law” during the Winter Term.

Dr. Ming Wai Lau, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Chinese Estates Holdings Ltd. of Hong Kong, was appointed Lecturer on Law and taught a reading group on “China and Hong Kong under the ‘One Country, Two Systems’ Principle” in the Fall semester.

e. Professor Matthew Stephenson, ’03 was the recipient of two travel grants from EALS in support of his research visits to Southeast Asia. EALS also supported Professor Intisar Rabb’s travel to Brunei for trade and policy meetings, and Professor Mark Wu’s travel to Beijing to speak at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences International Law Forum.

4. Participation of HLS Students in Program Activities

We estimate that more than 300 students from within and beyond HLS participated in EALS activities in a variety of ways.

a. The EALS Program continued its ties with the student group HALS (the Harvard Asia Law Society) and co-sponsored three speaking engagements with them. Professor Alford provided many hours of assistance with planning and substantive matters on numerous occasions to HALS members and officers, including the groups March 2015 trip to Taiwan.

b. Professor Alford also had numerous meetings over the academic year with the members and officers of the Law and International Development Society (LIDS) while serving on its advisory board.

c. EALS also continued its ties to the students in the China Law Association and co-sponsored four events with them, with Professor Alford serving as its faculty advisor.

d. Professor Alford serves, with Professor Philip Heymann, as faculty liaison to the Chayes International Public Service Fellowship Program, which, under the leadership of Sara Zucker, selects HLS students to spend summers working in international organizations and NGOs.

e. The 2015 Yong K. Kim ’95 Memorial Prize was awarded to two students: Si Wing Cindy Lau, LLM ’15, for her submission, “Conceptualizing Social Enterprise in China: A Critical Analysis of the Need for Legislation” and Il-Young Jung, LLM ’15, for his paper, “Land Reform in Korea under the US Military Government.”

f. In 2014-2015, EALS provided $93,750 in scholarships to LLM candidates and $15,870 in financial support for SJD students, including a summer 2015 research travel grant to SJD candidate Hu Xiaojian for her field work in rural China.
g. EALS affiliates and SJD candidates Hu Xiaqian, Yang Yueh-Ping and Lin Ching-Fu continued to work on their dissertations, with Ching-Fu graduating in 2015 with two writing prizes – The Yong Kim Prize (awarded in 2014) and The Laylin International Law Prize (awarded in 2015).

h. Professor Wu employed two students as research assistants. Professor Alford employed two students as research assistants and one as a teaching assistant.

i. EALS employed SJD candidate Kibrom Teweldebrhan as the coordinator for EALS Visiting Scholars, assisting them with course selection, adjustment to living in Cambridge, their research, organizing the Scholar Roundtables and social events and assisting with other academic matters.

5. Faculty Participation
a. Professors Ramseyer and Wu serve on the JD Admissions Committee and Professor Alford heads the LLM and SJD Admissions Committees. Professors Alford, Ramseyer, and Wu spoke with well over 100 admitted students (both JD and LLM) about the Law School and also took part in the Admitted Applicants Day lunch in April and attended the cocktail party for newly admitted students. Professors Alford, Wu and Ramseyer also spoke with many potential applicants to HLS.

b. Professors Alford and Ramseyer served as first round Ames judges.

c. Professor Alford advised every SJD on the academic job market, several JD and LLM candidates, and several JD and LLM graduates regarding academic and other jobs. He also participated in mock job interviews and mock job talks for several Climenko Fellows and wrote letters of reference for more than 100 students and recent graduates, as well as several tenure and promotion letters.

d. Professor Ramseyer continues to serve as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Legal Analysis*, while Professor Alford remains an advisor to the *Harvard International Law Journal*.

6. Other Contributions to the HLS Community
a. In June of 2014, EALS helped organize a conference at Renmin University on corporate governance and provided funding to enable Professors Allen Ferrell and Reinier Kraakman and two doctoral students to attend the Beijing event.

b. Professor Alford chairs the weekly SJD colloquium in which capacity he typically counsels students re: the written materials that they distribute in advance (a seven-page abstract and/or a chapter), attends the colloquia and often reviews performance afterward with the student.

c. Professor Alford held regular morning meetings with John F. (Jack) Cogan, Jr. ’52 and members of the Development and Alumni Relations office.

d. Professor Alford moderated a session for students on pro bono work in a global setting.
e. EALS provided advice for students planning to study abroad in China, Hong Kong, Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

f. EALS provided assistance to HLS faculty members interested in learning more about East Asia. In support of his research on anti-corruption law, EALS provided two travel grants to Professor Matthew Stephenson, ’03 for travel to Southeast Asia for discussions with officials of the Thai National Anti-Corruption Commission, Transparency International’s Cambodia chapter, and the Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar, among others. EALS sponsored the travel of Professor Intisar Rabb on a State Department trip to Brunei to discuss the intersection of recent Islamic legislation and business law in re: the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. EALS supported Professor Mark Wu’s travel to Beijing to attend and speak at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences’ International Law Forum. In June of 2014, EALS also supported travel to a conference on corporate law in Beijing by Professors Allen Ferrell and Reinier Kraakman.

g. Professor Alford chaired the Graduate Program and the Project Review Committees.

h. Professor Alford was involved in planning for and execution of an international symposium and celebratory event in honor of the retirement of Professor Duncan Kennedy.

i. This year, EALS co-sponsored lunchtime talks with the Human Rights Program, the Harvard Asia Law Society and the China Law Association.

j. EALS shared its meeting space in Austin Hall (the Morgan Courtroom) with other HLS offices, programs, faculty members and student organizations:

   The 1L Legal Research & Writing Program used the Morgan Courtroom for robing and their preparations for a Motion Session by Federal Judge William G. Young that was held in the Ames Courtroom. Dean Minow and several Civil Procedure faculty members hosted this event for all 1L students.

   The Admissions Office held several information sessions for applicants there.

   The Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program held a meeting about asylum seekers in July and a court simulation in November in the Morgan Courtroom.

   Following both the Ames Moot Court Semi-Finals and the Final Round Competitions, the student participants, Dean Minow, and the participating judges met in the Morgan Courtroom for photographs and post-event socializing.

   The Harvard Muslim Law Students Association used the Morgan Courtroom as a green room for speakers participating in their annual Pakistan Development Conference.

   The Program on Negotiation honored Henry Kissinger in a full day of panel discussions held in the Ames Courtroom. The organizers used the Morgan Courtroom and other secure space at EALS as a green room for Dr. Kissinger and to accommodate the accompanying film crew
from WGBH. This event was the latest in the ongoing series of visits to Harvard by former Secretaries of State sponsored by PON, the Kennedy School and the Business School.

The Islamic Legal Studies Program hosted a lecture in the Morgan Courtroom by the former Libyan Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Dr. Ali Mihirig, who spoke on Libya's political transition and constitutional challenges post-revolution and its volatile path to democracy. The post-talk discussion was moderated by Professor Noah Feldman.

Students in the Law and International Development Society held an anti-corruption symposium in the Ames Courtroom and reserved the Morgan Courtroom for a green room and dining room for their speakers.

Professors Bordone, Brewer, Suk and Visiting Professor Emens offered a popular forum for students in Morgan during the Winter Term on “Meditation and Dialogue in Challenging Times.” The lunchtime sessions were received so well that monthly sessions were held in Morgan throughout the Spring semester as well.

Student members of the China Law Association met there with Dr. David Dollar, former World Bank Chief of Mission for China, for a discussion on the Chinese economy and US-China economic relations.

The Women’s Law Association held their annual Take Back the Night event in April in Morgan.

The Scales of Justice used the room on three occasions as a warm-up room before their concerts and before the Public Interest Auction.

A number of students used Morgan as quiet study space before exams, especially at the end of the academic year.

Around two dozen European members of the LLM class of 1965 met in the Morgan Courtroom during their 50th class reunion for a panel discussion on the relationship between high courts and legislatures. The panel consisted of Professors Vicki Jackson, Frank Michelman, Mark Tushnet and three alumni who were former high court justices in respective countries. Professor Alford made arrangements for the substantive program.

7. Law Reform and Advocacy and 8. Connections to the Profession

a. As in previous years, the EALS Program received numerous individuals and groups of visitors from East Asia and elsewhere who are concerned with the reform of legal education, the legal profession and law generally, often linking them with HLS faculty. Some of these delegations were directed to EALS by the State Department and the University Marshal. Most notably, on behalf of Harvard University, Professor Alford served as host for a July visit by President Ma Ying-jeou, SJD ’81 of Taiwan. This involved hundreds of hours of meetings, negotiations and preparations. In this, as in so much else, Melissa Smith provided superb and discreet assistance. The visiting groups this year included, among others, Hisashi Owada, Judge
at the International Court of Justice, and delegations from China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan (including the Chief Justice of the Korean Supreme Court).

b. Professor Alford continued to work closely with Chinese officials involved with matters of law and policy, especially in the area of disability. He also met privately on several occasions with Chinese and US officials (including in the State and Defense Departments and in Congress) regarding human rights, trade and other issues in the US-China relationship more broadly. He visited the White House as President Obama’s guest for a dinner in July 2014 and for an event marking the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in July of 2015.

c. Professor Alford served on the advisory committee of several foreign universities, law schools (the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and Zhejiang University), on several editorial boards of journals in the field, read funding applications for The Research Grants Committee of Hong Kong, served on the Executive Committee for a major international prize.

d. Professor Alford continued to serve on the Board of Directors (and its Executive Committee) of Special Olympics International, advising it on a range of issues and taking the lead in formulating its effort to secure a more prominent role for disability issues in The Global Sustainable Development Goals. In that capacity, he met with Rwandan President Paul Kagame and several other global leaders. Professor Alford also is leading SOI’s internal efforts on diversity.

e. Professor Alford was asked to advise former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with respect to a major new report he issued re: the US-China relationship.

9. Collaborations with other Schools and Departments of Harvard University

a. Professor Alford conferred several times with President Drew Faust and her staff with regard to her trip to China in mid-March.

b. Professor Alford continues to serve on the University Committee on International Projects and Sites.

c. Professor Alford serves on the Faculty Advisory Committee on Harvard Global Institutes.

d. Professor Alford served on Provost Alan Garber’s advising committee for a new Vice Provost for International Affairs (declining the invitation himself twice to be considered for the position).

e. Again this year, Professor Alford supervised a significant number of students from other parts of the University and is working with students in History and East Asian Languages and Civilizations. He serves on the Fairbank Center (for Chinese Studies) Executive Board and
on the steering committee for the Harvard China Fund. Professor Wu served on the Fairbank Center’s Steering Committee.

f. EALS co-sponsored events this year with the Reischauer Institute, the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, the Harvard Yenching Institute, the Korea Institute, and the US-Japan Program.

g. The EALS Visiting Scholars and others benefitted from a workshop on “Giving Effective Presentations: Structure, Substance, and Style” early in the academic year presented at EALS by Samuel Odamah, Academic Affairs Coordinator at the Graduate School of Education.

h. Professor Alford served as Faculty Fellow to Harvard’s Varsity Men’s Ice Hockey Team, in which role he organized events re: careers and also worked with the OGC on a petition for the NCAA.