FELLOWSHIP NAMED FOR DORSEN

The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) has established the Norman Dorsen Fellowship, the organization’s first paid fellowship, in honor of Norman Dorsen, Frederick I. and Grace A. Stokes Professor of Law. Camilla McFarlane, a second-year law student at the Catholic University of America (CUA) Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C., is the first fellow. McFarlane will work with Professor Margaret Martin Barry at CUA. The fellowship trains law students in the work of activist scholars within the legal academy. Hazel Weiser, SALT’s executive director, said that “it was Norman’s vision that created SALT, and it was his generosity that created the Norman Dorsen Fellowship Fund to assure that the next generation of law school students and lawyers are committed to social justice.” SALT works to increase the inclusiveness of the legal profession, enhance the quality of legal education and ensure all individuals and communities have legal representation.

LAW ARTICLE WINS AWARD

The UCLA School of Law and its Williams Institute have bestowed the Dukeminier Award on Sylvia Law ’68, Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law, Medicine and Psychiatry, for her article “Who Gets to Interpret the Constitution? The Case of Mayors and Marriage Equality” (Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, 2007). The award recognizes the best law review articles on issues involving sexual orientation and gender identity. Law’s article questioned whether local executive officials have the authority to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples, based on the officials’ understanding of their own state constitutions.