CALL FOR PANEL PROPOSALS
West Coast Law and Society Retreat
Southwestern Law School
Los Angeles
February 11-12, 2011

The 4th West Coast Law & Society Retreat is designed to foster an academic encounter among geographically situated scholars in an effort to raise questions and promote discussion in new formats about sometimes-neglected concerns in our fields.

Our experience with earlier retreats indicates that this program works best when panels

- Consist of short presentations on research problems (as opposed to presentations about the panelists’ current research), with provocateurs assigned to stimulate forward-looking debate and discussion. Panels should allow for longer-than-usual discussion periods within sessions and longer-than-usual break periods between sessions to facilitate informal exchanges among scholars.

- Combine different methodological and theoretical approaches to common issues so as to bring into the discussion scholars that might not ordinarily participate.

- Integrate scholars of different ranks and career stages.

- Showcase research problems that figure particularly in the research of younger scholars.

- Emphasize shared concerns of the west coast scholarly community, whether in terms of approaches to law and society scholarship or of issues and problems that are particularly important to the Pacific region.

With these priorities in mind we invite you to suggest panel ideas for the upcoming retreat. Because of time constraints we may not be able to accommodate all panel ideas.

Please send your panel ideas by October 1 to:

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