Alabama Criminal Law Symposium

Rotten Social Background in the Twenty-First Century:
Reconsidering the Role of Socio-Economic Deprivation in Criminal Justice

The University of Alabama School of Law
Bradley Arant Rose & White Lecture Hall (A225)
Friday, February 11, 2011

8:30 - 9:00  Welcome and Introduction
Ken Randall
Dean and McMillan Professor of Law
The University of Alabama School of Law
Karthik Subramanian
Editor-in-Chief, Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review

9:00 – 9:55  The Wretched of the Earth
Professor Richard Delgado
Seattle University School of Law
Moderator: Professor Bryan Fair, The University of Alabama School of Law

9:55 – 10:50 Privileged Social Background
Professor Erik Luna
Washington & Lee University School of Law
Moderator: Talithia Bailey, The University of Alabama School of Law

10:50 – 11:00 Break (Walter Lawrence Bragg Conference Room (A223))

11:00 – 11:55 Are We Responsible for Who We Are? The Challenge for Criminal Law Theory in the Defenses of Coercive Indoctrination and 'Rotten Social Background'
Professor Paul Robinson
University of Pennsylvania Law School
Moderator: Assistant Dean Vandana Peterson, The University of Alabama School of Law

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (Hayes Conference Room (344))

1:00 - 1:55 The Rule of Criminal Law: Why Courts and Legislatures Ignore Richard Delgado's Rotten Social Background
Professor Andrew Taslitz
Howard University School of Law
Moderator: Professor Montre Carodine, The University of Alabama School of Law

1:55 – 2:50 Rotten Social Background and the Culture of Criminal Law
Professor Angela Harris
University of California, Berkeley School of Law
Moderator: Professor Grace Lee, The University of Alabama School of Law

2:50 – 3:00 Break (Walter Lawrence Bragg Conference Room (A223))

3:00 – 3:55 Rotten Social Background: A Tragedy, But Not An Excuse
Professor Stephen Morse
University of Pennsylvania Law School
Moderator: Professor Michael Pardo, The University of Alabama School of Law

3:55 – 4:30 Closing Remarks
Professor Steven Hobbs, Tom Bevill Chairholder of Law, The University of Alabama School of Law