Dean Pridemore has a number of new initiatives that will be rolled out over the next several weeks. The Dean’s News is just one example of our efforts to highlight the School’s activities and to strengthen the School’s connection with our amazing alumni. Other new initiatives will be highlighted occasionally in this section.

Publications


**Presentations**


The UAlbany Moot Court team presented oral arguments centered on the case that will be used in this year’s American Collegiate Moot Court Association national tournament in a special exhibition on Homecoming Weekend. The students on the Moot Court team, which is coached by Professor James Acker, argued before a panel of judges consisting of attorneys who are UAlbany alumni. The issues addressed include 1st Amendment Free Exercise of Religion and 5th Amendment Due Process (with its implicit guarantee of the Equal Protection of the Laws).

**Grants**


**Media**

**SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL, THE UNIVERSITY, AND THE DISCIPLINE**

**Professor Graeme Newman** will serve on the University’s [Blackstone LaunchPad](https://blackstonelaunchpad.universityatbuffalo.edu/) Stewardship Council, which will support the objectives and goals of the Blackstone LaunchPad entrepreneurship program. The Council is comprised of representatives from all of the major colleges and schools, programs, centers, and core functions of UAlbany.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY AFFILIATIONS**

The UAlbany [Global Institute for Health and Human Rights](https://gihrglobal.org/) has a number of exciting initiatives underway, including a new Living-Learning Community for freshmen interested in global medicine and human rights and a proposed academic collaboration with Albany Law School. **Dr. Kamiar Alaei**, director of GIHHR, has a courtesy appointment as a public service professor on the SCJ faculty. For more information about Dr. Alaei’s work, visit [his faculty webpage](http://www.albany.edu/).

**VISITORS**

The [Justice & Multiculturalism in the 21st Century](https://www.cj.albany.edu/interdisciplinary-affiliations/) Project and the [New York State Writers Institute](https://nyswriters.org/) hosted a community discussion with filmmaker Rachel Grady following the screening of her documentary *Detropia*.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Alumnus Larry Siegel** recently retired from full-time teaching. In “retirement,” Siegel is teaching two courses online and producing more books than ever before. He was a member of UAlbany CJ’s first class in 1968.

If you have news you’d like to share, please send your announcements to Diana Mancini at dmancini2@albany.edu. The November publication deadline is Monday, November 2.