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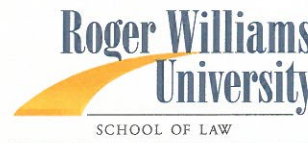
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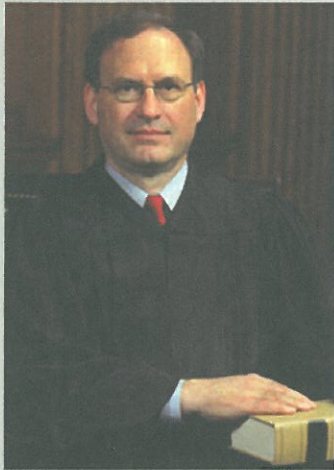
This spring, Roger Williams law students enjoyed a rare glimpse into the workings of the United States Supreme Court. A unique and exciting series of special events – collectively dubbed the “Supreme Semester” – brought the Court to them. The series included:

- Three distinctive opportunities for law students to interact with Justices of the United States Supreme Court;
- Two presentations by Pulitzer-Prize winning journalists who cover the Supreme Court;
- Debates and lectures on vital issues impacting the Court and its work; and
- A presentation on Civil Rights by a leading scholar, accompanied by the widow of the late Justice Thurgood Marshall.



SUPREME SEMESTER

Spring '08



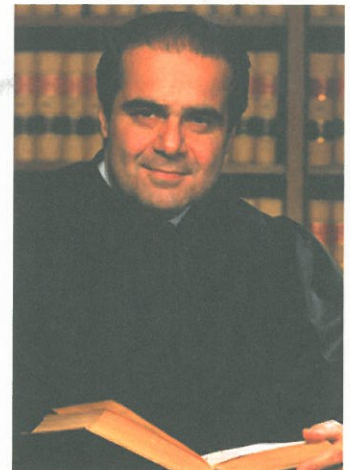
Inside the Supreme Court:
A Visit with Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr.



A Q&A with Chief Justice of the
United States John G. Roberts, Jr.



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Distinguished Jurist in Residence,
Justice Antonin G. Scalia

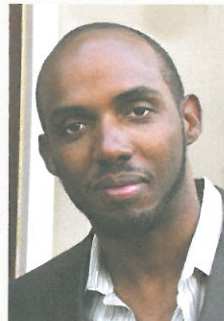
Anthony Lewis, author of *Gideon's Trumpet* and Pulitzer Prize-winning expert on the Supreme Court, discussed the history of the First Amendment.



2008 Commencement
Keynote Speaker Linda Greenhouse:
Pulitzer Prize-winning
Supreme Court correspondent for
The New York Times.



Harvard law professor Mark Tushnet (*l*) debated RWU law professor Carl Bogus (*r*) on the meaning of the Second Amendment. Constitutional Law professor Jared Goldstein (*center*) moderated.



The annual Thurgood Marshall Memorial Lecture featured UCLA law professor Devon Carbado speaking on developments in Civil Rights law.



Nan Aron, founder and president of the Liberal Alliance for Justice, and Ron Cass, conservative Dean Emeritus of Boston University Law School, debated the implications of the current Court's conservatism.

In February, 130 RWU law students enjoyed a lively private Q & A session with Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. – part of the first official visit to Rhode Island by a sitting Chief Justice in more than two centuries. In April, Associate Justice Antonin G. Scalia spent a day at our Bristol, R.I., campus as Distinguished Jurist in Residence, while two dozen students met with Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito and attended arguments at the Court itself, afterward discussing constitutional litigation with leading lawyers who regularly argue before the Court. In between, experts lectured and debated on such topics as the Court's conservatism, the First and Second Amendments, Indian Law, Civil Rights and much more. A Supreme Semester indeed.

What is a **SUPREME SEMESTER?**

*A unique opportunity for students, faculty and staff
to learn about the workings of the United States Supreme Court.*

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