

Law and Society Association Hosted by the U

Just over a year ago the Law and Society Association (LSA) opened shop at the University of Utah. LSA is an interdisciplinary scholarly organization committed to social scientific, interpretive, and historical analysis of law in many social contexts. Its over 1800 members are sociologists, political scientists, anthropologists, geographers, psychologists, historians, economists, law professors, and others. More than 30 percent of its members come from outside the United States.

LSA publishes the highly-ranked quarterly *Law & Society Review*, holds an annual meeting for sharing research, and sponsors workshops for graduate students and new faculty doing sociolegal research. Subgroups called Collaborative Research Networks (<http://www.lawandsociety.org/crn.html>) focus on aging, immigration, disputing, race, disability, gender and sexuality, Islam, disasters, labor, health, indigenous peoples, social movements, legal geography, social control, regulatory governance, and many other topics of interest in the College of Social and Behavioral Science.

The Call for Proposals for the 2014 annual meeting in Minneapolis, May 29-June 1, went out August 30 with a submission deadline of October 15 (<http://www.lawandsociety.org/minneapolis2014/Minneapolis2014.html>). The 2013 meeting in Boston drew 2400 people from at least 47 different countries. The 2014 meeting will also be a celebration of LSA's 50th anniversary.

LSA came to the University of Utah when long-time member Susan Olson, Professor Emerita of Political Science, was selected as Executive Officer for a five-year term. The Colleges of Social and Behavioral Science and Law and the Office for Academic Affairs are providing support for the LSA office, located in Research Park at 423 Wakara Way, Suite 205. Former CSBS staff members Megan Crowley and Monica Kohler now work for LSA, as does Kris Monty. Several faculty members at the U of U's S.J. Quinney College of Law and a few at other institutions in the state are active LSA members who are eager to connect with CSBS faculty with common interests. Faculty or graduate students who would like more information about LSA should go to <http://www.lawandsociety.org/index.html>. Those who might be interested in meeting locally with others studying the many social faces of law should contact Susan Olson at 801-585-3458 or olson@lawandsociety.org.