Sabbatical Report (Dr. Sarah Marusek, Spring 2016)

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Date Range of Sabbatical Leave
January 1 – June 30, 2016

What Were Your Sabbatical Objectives and Planned Activities and to What Degree Did You Meet Each of Your Sabbatical Planned Activities? Please Explain.

1. “I am working on a book project *Lava Frontiers: Law, Public Space, and Tourism*…..I expect to finish the preliminary manuscript, receive and respond to editorial review, and work on the book’s final revisions”.

As noted in the sabbatical application, the book manuscript’s proposal was invited for inclusion in the *Space, Materiality, and the Normative* Book Series with Routledge by one of the Series Editors, Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos. Following this initial invitation, the proposal then passed through a series of blind peer reviews and received a formal book contract on March 16, 2016 (with manuscript delivery date of Sept. 30, 2017). The process took much longer than I had anticipated. The book’s new title, *Law and the Kinetic Environment: Regulating Dynamic Landscapes* reflects a narrowed focus developing law’s relationship with a moving natural environment. Additionally, one of the originally proposed chapters from this book has been separated and expanded as the foundation for a second book. This second book, *Legal Geography in Motion: Law, Space, and the Vehicular Environment*, also under contract with the *Space, Materiality, and the Normative* Series with Routledge, considers the relationship between law and space that happen in manmade, paved places. This second book proposal received an offer of publication on July 6, 2016 and has a manuscript delivery date of September 1, 2018.

2. “In March 2015 (2016), I have been invited by Dr. Angela Condello to give a week of guest lectures as part of the Università degli Studi Roma Tre (Roma Tre University) Law School’s “Law and Humanities Spring Semester” in Rome, Italy.

From March 16-18, 2016, I was invited as a Visiting Professor to teach one week of lectures on the topic “Law in Motion” for the *Law and Humanities Spring Semester*, a competitive course conducted in English for Italian and European/Erasmus law school students at the Università degli Studi Roma Tre (Roma Tre University). Each week of this course is taught by different visiting faculty and faculty in the Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza (Department of Jurisprudence) at the Università degli Studi Roma Tre. My accommodation of four nights at the Hotel Santa Prisca in Rome was funded by the university. Please find the schedule of the course at https://lawandhumanitiesrome.org/2016-speakers/.

3. “During 2015-2016, I will once again be eligible to apply for an RCUH Travel Award. If awarded, I will use this award to help fund my travel to Rome Tre University and to visit Mt. Vesuvius for research purposes related to the book.”
While I did not go to Mt. Vesuvius as intended, I did travel to Iceland for six nights (March 7-15, 2016) with RCUH funding from a 2015 Research Relations Grant. This grant funded research that explored the relationship between law, public space, and tourism in volcanic environments. This research contributes to the book Law and Kinetic Environments: Regulating Dynamic Landscapes.

**Additional Scholarly Activities Accomplished during My Sabbatical**

In addition to continuing work on my two book projects, *Law and the Kinetic Environment* and *Legal Geography in Motion*, I have worked on several other projects:

4. In early January, I continued with the final reviews for chapters contributing to the volume *Sensing the Nation’s Law* (Springer) with co-editors Stefan Huygebaert (Ghent University, Belgium), Angela Condello (Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy), and Mark Antaki (McGill University, Montreal). This volume follows from the conference, *Law and the Humanities Association of Australasia* that met at Australian National University in Canberra in December 2013.

5. In late January, I submitted the review of Tony Jappy’s *Introduction to Peircean Semiotics* (Bloomsbury 2013). This review was solicited by the English Book Review Editor for *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* and has been published with editorial review as DOI 10.1007/s11196-016-9465-x.

6. In early February, I submitted the completed manuscript for *Synesthetic Legalities: Sensory Dimensions of Law and Jurisprudence*. This volume, for which I am Editor, has been accepted in Ashgate’s (now Routledge’s) *Law, Language, and Communication* Series (Series Editors Anne Wagner and Vijay Bhatia) and was originally contracted for publication on August 18, 2015. The volume has thirteen chapters, with contributing authors from the U.S. (including four from UHH), Great Britain, Poland, China, Brazil, Canada, and Bulgaria. This work followed from the conference I organized and convened in May 2015, the 16th *International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law*, in Volcano.

7. In late February, I presented research from the 2014-2015 Social Sciences Division Disaster Summit Grant at the Hawaii Sociological Association meeting at UHH. This panel included other grant recipients and was organized by Dr. Celia Bardwell-Jones (UHH). Although I worked with three students for this project, only one of them was able to co-present with me. This work contributes to my book manuscript, *Law and the Kinetic Environment* (see #1).

8. In April, I began work as Guest Editor for the Special Issue “Digesting the Public Sphere” in the peer-reviewed journal *Space and Polity*. This publication resulted from the Interpretive Methods and Methodologies Workshop I co-organized at the Western Political Science Association meeting in Las Vegas, April 2015. I have submitted my own article “Aloha Jurisprudence Revisited” for blind peer review through the journal’s editor, Ronan Paddison.

9. In May, I commenced my review of chapters from eleven contributing authors for the volume *Street Level Sovereignty: A Reader* (Lexington Books), co-edited with John Brigham (Political Science, UMass Amherst). The completed manuscript is due for further peer review on October 1, 2016. I am revising my co-authored chapter for this volume (written with Marilyn Brown).
(Sociology, UHH) entitled “Ears on the Street: Coqui Frog Patrols and the Guarding of Silence”.

10. In June, I presented a paper “The Dynamic Landscape: Fluid Materiality of Law and Place” at the Law and Society Association meeting in New Orleans. This paper is a combination of introductory chapters from both books, Law and the Kinetic Environment and Legal Geography in Motion (as described in #1).

Summarize the Contributions to for Your Department, School, College, University, and/or Profession Provided by the Sabbatical Leave

Having a sabbatical leave of one semester has allowed me to finish multiple projects (such as those described in this report) as well as to embrace related future scholarly opportunities (such as a proposed workshop at the Institute for the Sociology of Law in Onati, Spain, in May 2018 with Angela Condello, Stefania Gialdroni, and Emanuele Conte (all faculty in the Dipartimento di Giurusprudenza (Department of Jurisprudence) at the Università degli Studi Roma Tre). Having time to write, research, and just think in a creative way away from teaching has been very valuable for my scholarship. Moreover, I believe that my active agenda of scholarship directly benefits my work in the classroom and makes me a more engaged teacher. Being an active scholar and engaged teacher benefits my students by bringing new and innovative ideas related to my field, but also brings recognition and accolades to my department, school, college, and university from those familiar with my position in the larger national and international academic profession.