

University of Toronto, Bob Hepple Award for Professor Katherine Stone, UCLA.

It's a great pleasure and honor to present Katherine Stone with the Bob Hepple award. Professor Stone is - as we all know- a great intellectual leader in our field and an eloquent voice for Labour Law in the broader debates among academics in other fields and in the world as large. Her ability to innovate, to develop deep insights and to communicate them with great force and clarity captures only a small portion of her distinction. Like the other winners of this award, she is one of a kind.

Katherine Stone understands the times we live in and she is committed to unlocking their liberating potential, but the values that inspire her work and life come from an earlier origin.

The Renaissance was an extraordinary period of human history not only because of the cultural masterpieces of that time but also because of the spirit that moved great minds then, leading them back to classic values and knowledge, forward toward new forms of humanism that developed in the humanities, in the study of law, in universities with great horizons.

Professor Stone is a modern day Renaissance scholar, whose work is shaped by extraordinary curiosity, an all-encompassing range of interests and a deep cosmopolitanism – all of which inform her studies of labor regulation in an age of globalization. Katherine Stone is a pioneer in comparative Labor Law, showing how new production systems and changing institutions interact to reshape the regulation of work.

She pursues this intellectual agenda with great humanity and untiring hard work. Kathy defines herself as "resourceful, curious, loving of her family and adventurous" . When asked about her favorite place in Los Angeles she replied: " my home", where she can pursue her work and be with her family. But for her family is also extended family, colleagues and friends in Japan, Australia, Italy, the UK , Barcelona ... and many other places. She is also a great friend of museums and other cultural institutions.

Her passions include art, literature,music, nature, and the search for ways to enable people to realize their potential.

She is a model for other women scholars and a pioneer in gender terms. Above all her work and life are committed to a sense of justice. She is drawn to intelligence, curiosity and justice. Never to power, as such.

Kathy, we are grateful to you for all of this and it's a great pleasure to present this award.

Julia López

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