

## **American Academic Seeks Barristers' Cooperation with Research Project**

Evans Case will soon be contacting barristers who appeared in asylum cases between 2000 and 2008 and requesting their participation in a confidential, online survey. An email from her will provide the name of a case that serves as the subject of the survey and a link to a secure website that contains about a dozen multiple-choice questions. These questions do *not* seek any specific information about the client or the substance of the client's case. Instead, they ask about the circumstances that led to the barrister's involvement in the case and the barrister's views on several policy issues. Evans Case guarantees that participants' identities will not be revealed and that their individual responses will remain confidential. The data collected will *only* be reported in the aggregate. In other words, no individual barrister will in any way be identified as having participated in the survey nor will any individual barrister be identified with his or her responses. The project and these privacy protections have been approved by ECU's Institutional Review Board.

Evans Case has previously researched and written on the Refugee Advocacy Association of South Australia (RASSA). In May 2008, she interviewed most of the lawyers and volunteers who worked with RASSA. Evans Case has presented her findings from this research at several universities and academic conferences. She welcomes inquiries and advice from those who may have a particular interest in her current research project. Evans Case will return to Australia in May 2010 for a conference on comparative constitutional law and politics that she has organized in conjunction with the University of Sydney's United States Studies Centre, the Sydney Law School, and the Edward A. Clark Centre for Australian and New Zealand Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Evans Case can be reached at [evanscaser@ecu.edu](mailto:evanscaser@ecu.edu).

Evans Case has been researching Australian law and politics for more ten years. In 1999, she served as an intern in the office of then Shadow Attorney-General Robert McClelland. She returned to Canberra the following year as a Visiting Scholar in the Political Science Program at the ANU's Research School of Social Sciences and since then has spent considerable time in Australia on extended research trips. Evans Case graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A in Political Science from Kent State University (1992), a J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Law (1995), and a Ph.D. in Government from the University of Texas at Austin (2004). She also worked for two years as a lawyer in the State of Ohio, where she remains an inactive member of the Bar.