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Law school recruits lecturer

■ Michael Moffitt will join the University law faculty this fall to work in the Appropriate Dispute Resolution Program

By Brooke Ross
Oregon Daily Emerald

Harvard University law lecturer Michael Moffitt is trading in Cambridge, Mass., for Eugene, where he plans to raise a family while working as a tenure-track assistant professor in the University of Oregon School of Law.



MOFFITT

will join the law faculty this fall and will work in the school's Appropriate Dispute Resolution Program, which is designed to help law students become effective attorneys who can listen to their clients' needs and help solve problems outside of the courtroom.

Moffitt earned his law degree at Harvard and has worked at the school as a faculty member for the last four years but he grew up in the Midwest, and said he is looking forward to living

and working in a smaller community.

"I had looked at a number of other schools, but the University seemed like the place I'd be most comfortable with," he said.

Among the advantages of working in a smaller school include having more professional responsibilities and being able to establish tighter bonds with University faculty members, Moffitt said.

"I love the colleagues I have now," he said. "But my hope is at the University I'll have a broader set of colleagues."

Moffitt said Harvard's size often does not often allow for many faculty members to get to know one another.

"Even just the law school at Harvard is mammoth," he said. "At the University it will be easier to know who's who."

Jane Gordon, associate dean for students and program affairs at the University's law school, said she and the rest of the law school faculty are looking forward to working with Moffitt.

"We feel really, really lucky," she said. "We think he's going to be a tremendous addition to the faculty."

Gordon and Moffitt will be working together in the ADR program, and she said they plan to continue previous work to coordinate the program

throughout the law school and go into the community to work with lawyers.

"Our students have really wanted more emphasis in this area," she said, "and Moffitt's background, knowledge and personality is going to be a great addition."

Another reason Moffitt chose Eugene, and is looking forward to the move, is because he wants to raise a family in a smaller city. He and his wife are expecting their first child in September, and he said it seemed like an ideal time to relocate.

"In Cambridge, when you go outdoors you're on the sidewalks," he said. "I grew up surrounded by a lot of trees, and that's what I'd like for my kids."

Moffitt will leave a lasting impression on the Harvard law faculty, said Frank Sander, a Harvard law professor.

"We're sad to see him go," he said. "He's a great person, and this is a terrific opportunity for him at the University [of Oregon] law school."

Sander said he had the chance to get to know Moffitt last winter when they worked in a group for an intensive course on negotiation issues.

"He's very conscientious, creative, and has a wonderful relationship with his students," he said. "I can't say enough good things about him."

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Russian Film Series: "Evgeny Evtushenko," "Joseph Brodsky" and "Voice from Russia: The World of Vysotsky" are fragments from three documentary films, in Russian with English subtitles. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Room 115, Pacific Hall. Free. For information, call 346-5051.

Religious Studies/Center for Asian and Pacific Studies Lecture: His Eminence Beru Khyentse Rinpoche discusses "Buddhism in the Suffering World." 7 p.m. Browsing Room, Knight Library. Free. For information, call 346-1521.

Creative Writing Student Readings: Undergraduate students in the Kidd Tutorials read from their poetry and fiction. 7-9 p.m. Gumwood Room, EMU. Free. For information, call 346-0541.

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