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Newton, MA--BC Law Professor Richard Albert has been elected to serve on the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL)’s Executive Committee. Albert was elected at the ASCL’s annual meeting in Vienna, which took place at the 19th International Congress of Comparative Law this week. He will serve a two-year term.

According to the ASCL’s website, the Executive Committee "exercises Board powers between meetings of the Society’s Board of Directors.” Albert is active in the ASCL’s Younger Comparativists, where he chairs the committee and created and organizes their annual conference for younger scholars in areas of comparative law.

Albert is a constitutional law professor at BC Law, where he specializes in constitutional law and comparative constitutional law. His research focuses primarily on comparative constitutional change, including both formal and informal constitutional amendment. In 2010, he received the Hessel Yntema Prize from ASCL, given annually to a scholar under the age of 40 to recognize "the most outstanding article” on comparative law. He has published peer-reviewed papers on comparative constitutional change in the American Journal of Comparative Law, the International Journal of Constitutional Law, the McGill Law Journal and the Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence. Prior to joining BC Law in 2009, Albert was a law clerk to the Chief Justice of Canada, the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin.

Founded in 1951, ASCL is the leading organization in the United States promoting the comparative study of law. ASCL is a thriving organization of more than 100 institutional sponsor members, both in the United States and abroad, and a growing number of individual members. It publishes The American Journal of Comparative Law and holds annual meetings and other scholarly conferences at which comparative law scholars present research and critically examine important legal issues from a comparative perspective. Each year, the Society’s Yntema Prize recognizes exceptional publications on comparative law by younger scholars.