

Introduction

Duncan has been a mentor, friend, and anchor of sanity to many of us during law school and beyond. We found him to be quite unlike our other law professors. He is approachable and affable. Instead of bullying students into accepting doctrine's underlying rationale he explored its theoretical and historical contingency, giving us permission, in turn, to think critically and imaginatively about the law. He came to our self-organized lunch events and protests. He engaged with us on the topics of pop-stars, fashion, and hairstyles. But he also gave us a sense of our responsibility to educate the left about law, demystify it, and reveal its possibilities as a theater of revolutionary contestation over the structure and meaning of social life. We admire his kindness and his brilliance. We envy his boots and his bookshelf.

It has been a true pleasure to explore Duncan's many roles in so many lives. We hope readers of this volume will feel as inspired and as grateful as we are for Duncan's legacy.

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