



# Thurgood TODAY



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## **TMSL Obtains National Recognition: Selected for Membership in The Order of Barristers**



In December 2015 Thurgood Marshall School of Law (“TMSL”) was selected for membership in The Order of Barristers (the “Order”), a nationally recognized honor society whose stated purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills through effective law school oral advocacy programs. Law schools selected for membership in The Order are those who have obtained “national recognition for outstanding moot court programs and for successful participation in regional, national, and international interscholastic moot court competitions.”

The Order of Barristers originated in 1965 at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law. The purpose was to honor graduating seniors who had demonstrated outstanding ability in the preparation and presentation of moot appellate argument. These students were selected by the Faculty Committee on Legal Research and Writing and the Director of the Moot Court Program.

In 1973, Martindale-Hubbell Inc. acknowledged the distinction of being selected to membership in the Order by agreeing to list it among the scholastic distinctions included in a lawyer’s biographical sketch.

TMSL proudly accepts the distinguished honor of hosting a chapter of The Order and will, by special committee, select up to ten (10) outstanding student advocates for induction in this highly-respected society. This honor will provide each member with national recognition as individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at the law school and is one of the highest scholastic honors earned by a lawyer.



## SACSCOC APPROVES TMSL IMMIGRATION LL.M PROGRAM



The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges approved Thurgood Marshall School of Law’s new LL.M degree in Immigration Law requiring 24 semester credit hours which is the standard for LL.M programs across the country. SACSCOC, the University’s regional accreditor, had requested additional information for the University on the degree proposal, because Core Requirement 2.7.1 (Program Length) of the *Principles of Accreditation* requires masters programs to be at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent. The University was asked to prove that the advanced nature of the degree which will

admit only applicants who have earned a JD or equivalent means the degree itself will require graduates to have the skills and training sufficient to meet that standard. The University’s submission satisfied the Commission’s concerns, and it granted the University permission to offer the degree. Please click on the link below, posted on the SACSCOC website, which confirms the decision.

<http://sacscoc.org/2015decemberActionsandDisclosureStatements/15cractdecember.pdf>

The December 2015 approval by SACSCOC transitions TMSL into its implementation stage. TMSL will begin marketing the LL.M program, both nationally and internationally, accepting applications and financial aid for a small group of incoming students in Fall 2016.

Please join the TMSL Family in congratulating Professor Fernando Colon for his many years of dedication and hard work in putting this program together and to Dean Danyne Holley for his support.

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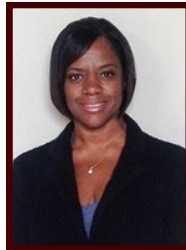


## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



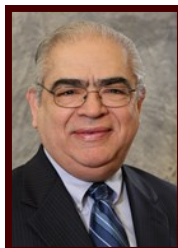
**Professor Fernando Colon** will share his expertise on developing TMSL's certificate program in International and Immigration Law as part of the 2016 SEALS Conference panel on Certificate Programs.

**Professor Stephanie Ledesma** co-created a training curriculum for the National Association of Counsel for Children for legal practice in the states of Louisiana and South Carolina.



**Professor Lydia Johnson's** article on the criminal law bail system, *The Politics of the Bail System: What's the Price of Freedom*, was published as the lead article in Volume 17, Number 2 of, *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*. In addition, Professor Johnson's article is featured on Vernellia R. Randall's (Professor, University of Dayton School of Law) website on Race, Racism, and the Law, which can be accessed here: [http://racism.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1897:solutions-to-the-discriminatory-bail-system02&catid=136&Itemid=155](http://racism.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1897:solutions-to-the-discriminatory-bail-system02&catid=136&Itemid=155).

**Professor Lupe Salinas** recently wrote and published a book chapter entitled, *Always Running: La Migra, Detentions, Deportations, and Human Rights*. This chapter will appear in *Immigration and the Law: From Conquest to the War on Terrorism* (forthcoming 2016), and the book will be edited by two scholars, Sofia Espinoza Álvarez and Martin Guevara Urbina, Ph.D.



**Professor SpearIt** was the moderator and participant of a panel at the Association of American Law Schools conference on January 8, 2016, where he led a discussion entitled: "Reforming Law and Scholarship by Disciplinary Design." Additionally, his work was recently cited in the book *Bringing College Education into Prisons: New Directions for Community Colleges* (Wiley 2015); his work was also cited in the article, "Flourish or Founder: The New Regulatory Regime in Legal Education," 44 *Journal of Law and Education* (2015), available at: [http://academicworks.cuny.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1076&context=cl\\_pubs](http://academicworks.cuny.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1076&context=cl_pubs). Finally, Professor SpearIt published "Keeping it REAL: Why Congress Must Act to Restore Pell Grant Funding For Prisoners," 11 *U. Mass. L. Rev.* 26 (2016), available at: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2711979](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2711979).



**Professor L. Darnell Weeden's** article, *The Problematic Right to an Abortion Under a Natural Law Perspective*, 2 *INDONESIAN J. INT'L & COMP. L.* 803 (2015), was recently published. In this article, Professor Weeden raises the issue of whether an imprecise fundamental right to privacy should exclude abortion regulations designed to protect the post conception right of fetal life as well as a woman's emotional health.



## The Earl Carl Institute’s Center for Criminal Justice

### Working to Make the Criminal Justice System Work for Everyone



Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Innocence Project

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project (TMSLIP) helped to secure its first client’s release in April 2015. Roderick Dixon was paroled mid-way through his forty-year sentence thanks to the investigative work of the TMSLIP staff and students. This year TMSLIP was recognized when the client’s case was highlighted in the HoustonPress.

After being locked up for nine months due to an inability to secure bail and after being told he could be released immediately if he pled guilty, Dixon did just as advised by his court appointed attorney. He pled no contest to aggravated sexual

assault of his nephew in 1996. “After pleading no contest, he was only supposed to do five years probation, but one month later a judge revoked it and ordered Dixon serve the full 40-year sentence after a drug-related run-in with police.”

The purported offense was initiated by his nephew’s older sister. The sister, Dixon’s niece, now explains that she made the allegations because she had been in charge of the house and the primary caregiver due to the frequent absence of her parents who were involved in extensive drug use. When Dixon moved in with them she was moved from her bedroom to a room with two toddlers so that Dixon could have her space. The niece reported that Mr. Dixon had sexually molested her brother. The nephew who was four years old at the time was taken to the hospital and examined within 30 minutes of the alleged assault. The examination included a physical examination of the child, observations of the child’s emotional condition and swabbing for the presence of biological material.



TMSLIP started working on his case since 2004, and during that time has uncovered significant evidence of his innocence including recanting affidavits from the older sister, who explained that she was trying to get rid of the uncle, the nephew who said he remembered the day and had not been assaulted, and other witnesses. TMSLIP also secured affidavits from the treating emergency room doctor, who stated that it was her opinion that no assault had taken place, and an affidavit from the DNA lab who tested the remaining parts of the swabs (Harris County had disposed of the swab tips) and found no indication of Mr. Dixon’s DNA. In 2014, an innocence project student presented evidence uncovered through of the TMSLIP investigation to the Parole Board and the result was that they believed that Roderick Dixon was innocent and granted him parole based on the work of the project. Mr. Dixon spoke at the law school shortly after his release and thanked the program and its students for “getting him freed after being convicted for a crime I didn’t commit.”



Subsequent to Mr. Dixon’s release, TMSLIP students Dana Nazarova and Kaitlin Lara made a one hour presentation to the Harris County District Attorney’s Office conviction integrity unit asking that the case be investigated as a wrongful conviction. As a result, in November 2015, the case was accepted for investigation as a potential wrongful investigation becoming the first recantation case HCDAO’s conviction integrity unit has ever taken. The investigation is ongoing and TMSLIP continues to monitor Mr. Dixon’s case as he remains hopeful that he will eventually be exonerated.



## The Earl Carl Institute's Center for Criminal Justice

### Working to Make the Criminal Justice System Work for Everyone *Cont'd.*

Until he is finally exonerated Mr. Dixon remains on the list of registered sex offenders. That means, among other things, that he cannot visit with his grandchildren, he cannot attend church, he has to report his conviction when seeking housing and employment and has to live in a halfway house with 8 sexual offenders. As printed by the HoustonPress about his current living arrangements, "The place remains his prison"

To read more about Mr. Dixon's story visit <http://www.houstonpress.com/news/can-words-alone-exonerate-this-sex-offender-8044541>.

Due to cases like Roderick Dixon's and numerous others where defendants are denied bail because they are too poor to pay it, the Earl Carl Institute is working to push policy changes that would promote bail reform in Harris County. In another HoustonPress article, the ECI Executive Director is quoted as saying "As opposed to looking at the individual and saying what the proper bail should be given their life situation, they look at a chart," In quoting numbers from a 2014 Pretrial Services report, the Houston Press found that "magistrates—who are the first to see a defendant in probable cause hearings—deviate from the bail schedule in misdemeanor cases just 16.7 percent of the time, but only lower bail 5.7 percent of the time; for felonies, bail is lowered in 8.3 percent of cases. Then, when the case goes before a judge in court the next day, according to data from the district clerk's office, judges appear to be modifying bails the magistrates set less than 6 percent of the time for felonies—and lower bail less than 1 percent of the time." For more information on bail reform see "A Blueprint for Criminal Justice Policy Solutions in Harris County", co-authored by Sarah R. Guidry, the Earl Carl Institute Executive Director, along with primary author, the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, and other like-minded organizations, at <http://www.texascjc.org/sites/default/files/publications/Blueprint%20for%20Criminal%20Justice%20Policy%20Solutions%202015.pdf>. If you are interested in working on this issue with ECI, email or call Sarah Guidry, ECI Executive Director at [srguidry@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:srguidry@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or 713.313.1321.

### TMSLIP Case Featured On 20/20 Aired Case Update Recently:



John Arena (left) with TMSLIP Students

Seven year old Stephanie Austin, caught in a divorce battle between her mother and father, was coerced, she says into making false allegations of sexual assault against her two young cousins John and Michael Arena. As Stephanie got older she realized the harm her false claims had caused resulting in the conviction of both John and Michael and by the time she was eleven she was telling anyone who would listen that she had lied when she made her allegations. Even to the trial judge, responding to his warnings that she could face perjury charges if she continued to recant, by saying that she was now telling the truth, and would accept whatever consequences were handed down.

TMSLIP became involved in the case in 2009. Since then TMSLIP students have racked up more than 10,000 miles in travel while trying to prosecute John Arena's, and ultimately Michael Arena's, actual innocence claims. They have interviewed all of the key witnesses including Stephanie's mother, the prosecutors and defense attorneys involved in the cases, they have reviewed thousands of pages of court documents, medical records and polygraph reports, they have brought in expert witnesses who refute trial testimony and bolster Stephanie's recantation, and they have appeared in court. It's a long process, but TMSLIP hope to file new paperwork in John's case this year that will lead to relief for both brothers.

Last week, a 20/20 episode, provided an update on the case.



## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### NBLSA Rocky Mountain Regional Moot Court 1st Place Winners



The tradition of excellence in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Moot Court Program continues.

Please, join us in congratulating the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Moot Court team of **Nicci Campbell** (2L), and **Jasmine Yates** (2L) as we celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition featured at the National Black Law Students, Rocky Mountain Regional Convention in Denver, Colo. In addition to the tournament triumph, team member **Jasmine Yates** also won Best Oralist of the

Moot Court competition.

This year, the NBLSA Regional Moot Court competition took place in Denver, Colorado at the Denver Law offices of Lewis, Roca, Rothgerber, Christie and included local competitors from University of Texas and University of Houston, and regional competitors from other law schools.

Ms. Yates and Ms. Campbell will compete for the National Moot Court Championship in Baltimore, Md., March 9-13. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers as they work hard and practice diligently to prepare for the National competition.

In addition, we extend our congratulations to Alum Anthony Hynes, coach for this Frederick Douglass Moot Court team; and Professor Stephanie Smith Ledesma, Director of the Moot Court Program and Experiential Learning Program at TMSL and Co-coach of the team. Their hard work, commitment and vision of excellence for the TMSL Moot Court Program and the Experiential Learning Program is unparalleled.

For more information regarding TMSL’s Moot Court or Experiential Learning program, please contact Professor Stephanie Ledesma at [ssledesma@tsu.edu](mailto:ssledesma@tsu.edu) or 512-228-2307.





## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

### *TMSL Alums Announce Candidacy*

More TMSL alums announce their candidacy in upcoming elections. **Joy Dawson Thomas**, TMSL class of 2012 (Texas State Representative – District 126, Spring), **Keryl Douglas**, TMSL class of 2008 (J.P. Precinct 7, Place 1), **Elijah Lewis**, TMSL class of 1980 (J.P. Precinct 7, Place 1), **Randy Bates**, TMSL class of 1981 (Texas State Representative – District 139, Houston), **Edward Pollard**, TMSL class of 2012 (Texas State Representative – District 137, Houston).

Several TMSL alums hosted *TMSL 4 TMSL* on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at HMAAC. The event provided an opportunity for all TMSL candidates for elected offices to deliver their platform for office and to meet and greet other TMSL alumni and friends. See previously announced TMSL alumni candidates in the 2015 September, November, and December issues of *Thurgood Today*.



Edward Pollard – Texas State Representative  
District 137



Randy Bates – Texas State Representative  
District 139



Keryl Douglas– Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 7, Place 1



Joy Dawson Thomas – Texas State Representative  
District 126, Spring



Elijah Lewis– Justice of the Peace  
Precinct 7, Place 1



## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

### TMSL Alum Marchris Robinson Joins TSU Foundation Board



**Marchris Robinson**, TMSL Class of 1992 was recently named one of 13 new members of the Texas Southern University (TSU) Foundation Board. He was named Chairman of the Development & Scholarship committee where he is charged to look at the state of development in all colleges and assist the University in implementing its plan to increase giving, grant and scholarship opportunities for Texas Southern.

Please join the TMSL family in congratulating Attorney Robinson on this honor.

### TMSL Alum Cedric Campbell Now a Harvard Fellow



**Cedric Campbell**, TMSL Class of 1998 has completed his fellowship at the Harvard University. Cedric attended classes at Harvard with other talented professionals from all over the world. Cedric presently works as Associate Counsel to the Inspector General for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He began working for the agency in 2002 and was assigned to the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. Prior to working for NASA, Campbell worked as an attorney for the U.S. Postal Service-Office of Inspector General as well as the U.S. Postal Service, Office of General Counsel. Prior to working for the Postal Service, he practiced law in the private sector specializing in civil rights law, and labor and employment law. He has developed an expertise in the area of space law, whistleblower law, labor and employment law, federal white collar crime, litigation in the federal courts and before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Merit Systems Protection Board.

### TMSL Alumna Julia Malveaux Appointed to Dallas County Board




**Julia Malveaux**, TMSL Class of 1985 was appointed to her third term on the Dallas County Child Welfare Board by Dallas Commissioner John Wiley Price. The Child Welfare board works with the Dallas office of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (CPS) to deliver coordinated state and local public welfare services and funds for children and their families.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



THURGOOD MARSHALL  
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7PM  
COCKTAIL HOUR 6PM

BARRISTER'S  
*Ball*

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016  
BELL TOWER ON 34TH  
901 W. 34TH, HOUSTON, TX 77019

The poster features a central circular seal of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, which includes a scale of justice and a torch. The background is a dark, blurred image of people in formal attire, framed by a decorative gold Art Deco border. The text is presented in a mix of serif, sans-serif, and script fonts.



## UPCOMING CLES



*Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law,  
Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc., Harris County Domestic Violence  
Coordinating Council and The Texas Southern University Women's Resource Center*

### Love Shouldn't Hurt: Recognizing, Understanding and Combating Dating Violence

February 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Rooms 105-106

3100 Cleburne St.

Houston, TX 77004

#### DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Overview and Legislative Update on Domestic Violence; Domestic Violence in the Age of Technology; Domestic Violence and Immigration Issues; Protective Orders and Criminal Charges for Family Violence; Clery Act and Campus Reporting of Sexual Assault; Same Sex Couple Violence

MCLE, CEU and TCLEOSE Credit Available (6.0 hrs.; 0.5 ethics)

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COSTS: Attorneys-\$90.00; Other Professional (claiming credits)-\$45.00; Free Admission for TSU Faculty, Staff, Students and the General Public



### The Civil Rights Agenda, The Roberts Court, and The Law After Three Years of Challenges: What Now?

*Presented by: Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law*

February 19, 2016

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Rooms 105-106

3100 Cleburne St.

Houston, TX 77004

#### Topics:

Housing: *Texas Department of Community Development v. Inclusive Communities Inc.*; Voting Rights: Sections 3 and 4 of the Voting Rights Act, redistricting, voter id, political re-alignment, statehouse and Congressional delegations; and Affirmative Action: Are the premises of Affirmative action valid? *Fisher v. The University of Texas*, Including special of Heman Sweatt through the memories of his family

MCLE 7.0 hrs. Ethics 1.0 hr.

COSTS: Attorneys-\$50.00; Free Admission for Government and Non-profit Attorneys, TSU Faculty, Staff, Students and the General Public

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## UPCOMING CLES *Cont'd.*

5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



**February 25-26, 2016**  
8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. (each day)



*"Creating a New Vision for  
Legal & Social Justice"*

LOCATION: TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
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3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004

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- Public Defenders and Non-Attorneys: Complimentary
- Students/Faculty - Complimentary

**Registration after 2/12/2016**

- Attorneys: \$225
- Government and Non-Profit Attorneys: \$150
- Public Defenders and Non- Attorneys: \$50
- Students/Faculty: Complimentary

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THE EARL CARL INSTITUTE  
3100 Cleburne Street  
Houston, Texas 77004

5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

#### TOPICS

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

- Race and the Death Penalty
- Race and the Use of Deadly Force
- Race & Pretrial Justice
- Race, Class and the Carceral State
- Race Lessons from the JAG
- Racial Profiling in the School System
- Advances in Forensics

**Friday, February 26, 2016**

- Confronting Race in the Courtroom
- Using Electronic Media To Win
- Ethics After Conviction
- In Every Person A Universe
- Cultural Competency in Criminal Cases
- Policing the Police: Effective Suppression Issues
- Section 1983 Claims
- Picking Your Best Jury
- Bonds for Indigents: How To Get Poor
- People Pre-Trial Release

#### PRESENTERS

- Honorable Craig Washington
- Kindaka Sanders
- Sandra Thompson
- Office of Senator Rodney Ellis
- Janet Moore
- Geoff Corn
- Helen Green
- Roger Kahn
- Patrick McCann
- Casey Gotro
- Penny Marshall
- Judge Craig Estlinbaum
- Carlos Williams
- Sarah Wood
- Cade Bernsen
- Norm Revis
- Mark Hochglaube

**Register online at:**

**<https://5thannualindigentdefenseseries.eventbrite.com>**

Questions? Email: [earlearl@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:earlearl@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or call 713.313.1139



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## Ten Reasons to Support Thurgood Marshall School of Law



“From an early age, it was always my dream to attend Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL). I chose TMSL because of how welcoming it felt here; you immediately feel part of the law school family. I was captivated by how my mentors helped guide me through my first year and continued to push me through my first year and continued to push me through my last two years. Their unwavering support of me and other classmates confirmed that I made the right decision in choosing TMSL.” — Cervana Shanklin, Alum '15

### 1. Our Reputation

We are one of 15 law schools nationwide that has notably improved its reputation with lawyers and judges since 2012.

### 2. Our Advocacy Programs

In the last three years, our Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams have gained national recognition for the quality of their preparation and performance. Both teams have advanced to final rounds in national and regional competitions.

### 3. Our Valued Externships

Many of our third year students have successfully completed externships with the state supreme court, district judges, state legislators, First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama, and district and county attorney's offices.

### 4. Our National Recognition

Thurgood Marshall School of Law was admitted into the esteemed membership of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in January 2014. The Law School received a national vote of

confidence from the AALS in its direction, faculty, academic and accountability programs and most importantly, in its ability to engage with students to produce competitive and capable lawyers.

### 5. Our Collaborations

We provide opportunities for our students to experience an array of legal practices and focus on developing excellent lawyering skills through our collaboration with the Legal Clinics and the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. on campus.

### 6. Our Regional Impact

With only 5% of total Texas law school enrollment, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, in the last five years, has produced 43% of all the newly licensed African-American attorneys in the state of Texas who are graduates from one of the nine Texas law schools.

### 7. Our Alumni

We proudly include among our alumni leading members of the U.S. House of Representatives; federal and state trial and appellate judges; key partners in law firms; government attorneys; and sports and entertainment attorneys. Our persistence in producing a substantial number of attorneys in South Texas is highly commendable.

### 8. Our Student Accomplishments

Our students continue to win and receive recognition for their participation and performance in legal writing competitions and other scholarly activities.

### 9. Our Diversity

For more than a decade, our Law School has been firmly established as one of the nation's most diverse law schools.

### 10. Our Mission, Our Vision, Our Values

For the last seven decades, Thurgood Marshall School of Law has been heralded as an institution of opportunity and inclusion that continues to rise on its standards of equality and excellence.



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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2016

### February 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### TMSL Quodlibet Series “Scientific Sentencing: Using Research to Recalibrate the Scale”- Professor SpearIt

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

### February 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### SELS Speaker Series — Tami LaTrell, Guest Speaker

Location: TMSL Room 203  
Time: 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

### February 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Faculty Research Series (Special Guest), “The role of the judiciary in developing democracies in Nigeria and other African countries”- Professor Wahab Egbewole, Professor and Former Dean, Department of Jurisprudence & International Law, University of Ilorin (Ilorin, Nigeria)

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

### February 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Spring Edition — Thurgood Energy Speaker Series Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL Room 107  
Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 noon, reception following in the lobby  
MCLE: 1.0

### February 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Night with the Externship Program

Location: TMSL Rooms 105-106  
Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Scholarly Exchange

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

#### IL Skills Academy - OAS

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### February 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Love Shouldn't Hurt: Recognizing, Understanding and Combating Dating Violence - CLE

#### The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc. Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL Rooms 105-107  
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Cost: Attorneys: \$90.00; Other Professional (claiming credits): \$45; Free admission for Faculty, Staff, Students & the General Public  
MCLE: 6.0  
Ethics: 0.50  
Register online: <http://datingviolencesymposiumregistration.eventbrite.com>

### February 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Constitutional Law Symposium - CLE

#### Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL  
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Cost: \$50.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys  
MCLE: 7.00  
Ethics: .50

Register online: [The Civil Rights Agenda](#), [The Roberts Court](#), and [The Law After 3 Years of Challenges: What Now?](#)

### February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Interdisciplinary Bridges Series, TBA- Professor Carla Brailey, Visiting Assistant, TSU Department of Sociology

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

### February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### IL Skills Academy - OAS

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### February 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Indigent Defense Symposium Dinner

Location: Earl Carl Institute and Houston Rodeo BBQ Cook-Off  
Time: 6pm

### February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

#### 2016 Indigent Defense Symposium - CLE

#### 5th Annual Craig Washington & Senator Rodney Ellis Indigent Defense-CLE

#### The Earl Carl Institute of Legal & Social Policy, Inc.

#### Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

#### Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: TMSL  
Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm (each day)  
Cost: Cost both days: **Before** February 12, 2016: Attorneys \$150, complimentary for public defenders and non-attorneys **After** February 12, 2016: Attorneys \$175; public defenders and non-attorneys \$50  
MCLE: 15.0  
Ethics: 3.0 (meet all of your MCLE requirements in one course)  
Register online: [www.earlcarlinstitute.org](http://www.earlcarlinstitute.org)  
Breakfast & Lunch Provided Each Day

## MARCH 2016

### March 2nd-3rd

#### TMSL Scholar-in-Residence- Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness and Professor of Law, Catherine E. Smith, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Tentative Schedule: (1) Faculty Talk on Wednesday, March 2nd at noon (co-sponsors: Thurgood Marshall Law Review, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race, and Justice & OUTLaw) *“Rights of Unmarried Children After Obergefell”*; (2) Dinner and talk with Faculty on Wednesday, March 2nd from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm *“From Brown to Obergefell: Moving Children from the Margins to the Center of Equal Protection Doctrine”*; (3) Class Guest Lecture (Craig Jackson’s International Journal members on Thursday, March 3rd and (4) Lunch and Q&A with Law Review and Journal members from 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm



## January Birthdays



<b>Maurice Hew</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>Emeka Duruigbo</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>Marcia Johnson</b>	<b>19th</b>
<b>Faith Jackson</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>Reba Hall</b>	<b>21st</b>



### Recycle reminder

Go Green! Let's remember to recycle our used bottles! The recycle bins are located in two areas of the law school and emptied every morning!

Let's do our part!



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