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FACULTY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT NEWS

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Professor James Beard serves as a member of the Council for the Houston Bar Association Section of Taxation.

Professor Laura Cisneros accepted an offer to publish her Standing Doctrine article will in the Case Western Reserve Law Review. The article received the Outstanding Scholarly Papers Award for 2009 from the Association of American Law Schools. She accepted an offer to speak at the AALS Annual Meeting in New Orleans in January, 2010. In August, she presented a Constitutional Law paper at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools 62nd Annual Meeting. Cisneros spoke about Individual Rights on Constitution Day at Thurgood Marshall.

Professor Constance Fain presented a paper at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law in honor of “Constitution Day” on September 17, 2009. Her topic was *Due Process and Equal Protection*. Also, on October 30, 2009, Professor Fain made a presentation at a CLE Symposium on “Barack Obama Politics, Law and Policy” at the law school. The title of her paper was, *Ethics for Attorneys in Government and Private Practice*.

Professor Maurice Hew presented at the 33rd Annual Conference on Immigration and Nationality Law sponsored by the University of Texas in San Antonio in October of 2009. Hew’s presentation included a discussion of an adjustment and immigration status and the Violence Against Women’s Act (VAWA).

Professor Cassandra Hill and her colleague, Ariana Levinson, (University of Louisville, Louisville Brandeis School of Law) presentation proposal was accepted for publication. The presentation entitled, *Sharing What Works: Enhancing our Teaching Through Technology*, was presented to the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) for its 14th Biennial Conference (June, 2009). Professor Hill together with Professor Vukadin also submitted a presentation proposal, titled, *Now I See: The Post-Grade Student Conference as Useful Strategy Session.*, to the LWI Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (spring, 2010)

Dean Danny Holley and Professor Palasota presented at the National Law School Conference on Assessment in Denver in September. The first presentation was on the law school’s *Uniform Exam System* and the second involved *Pre-Class Previewing of Formative Summative Assessment Exercises*. Holley also served as a national panelist on Criminal Law Reform for the Congressional Black Caucus.



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Professor Craig Jackson proposed to the AALS a panel to be selected as a Hot Topics panel for January's New Orleans meeting. The panel is entitled, *NIMBY: Guantanamo, Delayed Closings and the Legal and Political Implications of a Developing Policy*. Panelists include, Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell of Notre Dame University School of Law, Professor Benjamin Davis of the University of Toledo School of Law among others.

Professor Faith Joseph Jackson was the keynote speaker at the Texas A & M University at Galveston, Office of Counseling. She also addressed Peer Educators, Vice President/COO of the same institution. Professor Jackson spoke at the ALOUD (Alliance on Underage Drinking) and Greater Dallas Counsel on Alcohol and Drug Abuses College summit in Dallas and at the Southeast Harris Community Coalition Training at the University of Houston.

Professor Vaughn James had three presentations on legal aspects of Alzheimer's disease, St. Thomas, V.I. during the month of September. In October he delivered the Commencement address, Dominica State College; addressed, Isaiah Thomas Secondary School; and presented at the, Barack Obama Politics, Law & Policy Symposium. In November, Professor James was the keynote speaker at the Baptiste Foundation Conference, Long Branch, NJ and presented four CLE presentations, Knoxville, TN.

Professor Marcia Johnson has accepted an offer from Washington College of Law, American University to publish her article entitled, *Will The Current Economic Crisis Fuel a Return to Racial Policies That Deny Homeownership Opportunity and Wealth to African Americans?* in Volume 5, No. 2 of *The Modern American*.

Professor Ericka Kelsaw presented two Work-in-Progress papers. The first paper entitled, *Suffering the Consequences of Someone Else's Choice: Motorcyclists' Successful Lobby of States Shifts Responsibility for the Bikers' Choice to Ride Helmetless onto Motorists*, was presented at the Fourteenth Annual LatCrit Conference (LatCrit XIV); and the second paper entitled *Motorcyclists Shift Responsibility for the Bikers' Choice to Ride Helmetless onto Motorists*, was presented at TMSL, Faculty Quodlibet, Faculty Scholars Papers Forum.

Professor Thomas Kleven article entitled *Federalizing Public Education* has been accepted for publication in *Villanova Law Review* in the Spring 2010 Edition.



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Professor Martin Levy has contracted to publish two articles with Schlager Publishing. The first article is entitled *The Reconstruction Amendments*, and the second article is entitled, *Sweat v. Painter*. Professor Levy presented on the topic of *Fundamental Individual Rights* at the 2009, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Constitution Day program.

Assistant Dean Virgie Mouton presented On August 3, 2009, at the Southeastern Association Of Law Schools 62nd Annual Meeting, Dean Mouton discussed her paper entitled, *Now that We Have Them, What Do we Do?* She presented ideas on how the number one diverse law school in the nation (TMSL) meets the needs of an increasingly diverse law student population. In Summer 2009 Dean Mouton participated on the Steering Committee to organize and present the *Green Power Seminar* sponsored by Congressman Al Green, TMSL, Earl Carl Institute, Capital One Bank, and SCORE.

Professor Lupe Salinas conducted research work dealing with the history of criminal injustices faced by American Latinos. He also served as a panelist at Moot Court Writer, Editor, & Participant, Hernandez v. Texas, 34th HNBA Convention, Sept. 2009, and Language Rights, LatCrit XIV Conference, Washington, DC, Oct. 2009 (submitted for publication in American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy, & the Law).

Professor Asmara Tekle accepted an offer to publish her fifth article with Thurgood Marshall Law Review in spring 2010. Her fourth article will be published by Southern Methodist University Law Review in December 2009. She spoke on developing a scholarly agenda at the LatCrit Junior Faculty Development workshop at American University in Washington, D.C. in October. She accepted an invitation to speak at the University Of Florida Levin College Of Law's Nelson Symposium on Land Use.

Professor Katherine Vukadin presented at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference in August 2009. Professor Vukadin spoke about *Focus: Teaching Legal Writing in the Age of Distraction* (with Shaundra Lewis of UH). She described teaching techniques to capture students' attention and overcome electronic distractions and in-class multi-tasking.



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Associate Dean L. Darnell Weeden presented at the Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series on the topic Hurricane Katrina's Post Jim Crow Effect. He spoke at the Lat Crit XIV Conference at American University in Washington, D.C., about *English Only Rules in Public Schools*. Weeden, *Racial Profiling And The Implications Of Jena Six In Undermining The Civil Rights Of Blacks In America*, 36 S.U. L. Rev. 239 (2009).

Professor Kamille Wolff served as a panelist on three separate panels. She presented, *The HBCU and You: The Undeniable Impact of the Historically Black Law School*, at, Texas Wesleyan School of Law; *Ethical Representation of the Sports and Entertainment Client*, BESLA; and *The Hip Hop Movement at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Culture*, LatCrit, American University - Washington College of Law.

