Dean Dannye Holley recently published his article, *Crawford at 10: Perspectives of its Significance for the Profession and Academy from Study of the Reactions of the Nation’s State Supreme Courts and a Proposed Solution to the “Testimonial” Conundrum*, in the Spring 2015 issue of the Criminal Law Bulletin (Vol. 51/No.4), a refereed law journal that provides insights from renowned experts on the latest developments and trends in criminal law. In his article, Dean Holley documents and assesses the impact *Crawford v. Washington*, a 2004 United States Supreme Court case, and its progeny have had and could continue to have on the practice and study of criminal law, namely for hearsay, defining “testimonial,” and Confrontation Clause jurisprudence. Dean Holley concludes that the *Crawford* decision, despite its seemingly simple holding, actually resulted in a significant paradigm shift in the protection provided by the Confrontation Clause. Dean Holley closed the article with a preview of *Crawford’s* future influence on the practicing bar and academia and recommendation to clarify the protection and policy premise of *Crawford*.

**Professor Lupe Salinas Featured on Conexión Texas**

Professor Lupe Salinas was featured on the Uni Mas show *Conexión Texas*. During the interview, Professor Salinas discussed his book, *US Latinos and Criminal Justice*.
Professor Thomas Kleven organized a panel entitled *Responding to Inequality* at the SEALS conference in Boca Raton on July 31, 2015. He presented a paper on his book *Equitable Sharing*. Four other presenters from the Barry, Louisville, Maryland, and Texas A&M Law Schools presented papers on projects on which they’re working related to the theme of how our society should respond to the growing inequalities we are experiencing.

Professor Stephanie Ledesma presented as part of a workshop session at the American Bar Association’s Fourth National Parent Attorney Conference in Washington, D.C. The session was entitled *The Evolution of Child Protection: How Classism and Racism Continue to Perpetuate Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System*. The session encouraged and engaged a national audience of scholars, practitioners, and judicial officers in a challenging conversation about what “reasonable efforts” are (and what they are not) and how one legal advocate can help change the system, one family at a time. Professor Ledesma also served as a co-team leader of a group of national faculty members who trained lawyers from across the nation in a NITA sponsored event, “Building Trial Skills for Legal Service Lawyers.” Additionally, Professor Ledesma has agreed to write a training curriculum for the National Association of Counsel for Children that focuses on teaching cultural competence to practicing attorneys.


Professor L. Darnell Weeden’s essay entitled *Does the No Child Left Behind Law (NCLBA) Burden the States as an Unfunded Mandate Under Federal Law?*, 31 T. MARSHALL L. REV. 239 (2006) was recently cited by Professor Derek W. Black of the University of South Carolina in Vanderbilt Law Review in Professor Black’s article entitled *Federalizing Education By Waiver?*, 68 VAND. L. REV. 607, 666 (2015). While discussing NCLB’s accountability, Professor Black cited Professor Weeden’s essay to support the position that local communities have expressed opposition to NCLB and federal oversight in education.


Associate Dean Cassandra L. Hill and Professor Katherine T. Vukadin’s book, *Legal Analysis: 100 Exercises for Mastery* (LexisNexis 2012) is under contract for a second edition. The book, now in use at more than twenty-seven law schools, guides students through one hundred paced exercises that increase in complexity. The new edition is expected for Fall 2016 adoption.

Professor Asmara M. Tekle has accepted an invitation from the ABA’s Section on Legal Education to serve in 2016 as a member of the ABA site team reviewing the University of District Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.
FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS Cont’d.

TMSL Faculty Tenure and Promotions

Upon the recommendation of the TSU Board of Regents, we are pleased to announce the following promotions and tenure. Please join us in congratulating our distinguished and accomplished faculty.

Tenure:

Professor Rebecca Stewart
Law Library Director and Professor DeCarlous Spearman
Professor Katherine Vukadin

Promotions:

Professor Ana Otero
Full Professor

Professor Michael James
Associate Professor

Professor Lydia Johnson
Associate Professor