TMSL’s Constitutional Law Symposium Features
Dr. James Sweatt

On Friday, February 19, 2016, TMSL Professor Craig Jackson and the TMSL Center for Continuing Legal Education, hosted “The Civil Rights Agenda, The Roberts Court and the Last Three Years of Challenges: What Now? Symposium.” Dr. James Sweatt, nephew of civil rights activist and plaintiff in the Sweatt v. Painter U.S. Supreme Court was the featured luncheon speaker.

The symposium consisted of three panel discussions on The Fair Housing Act of 1968, The Voting Rights Act and Affirmative Action. Symposium panelist and leading attorneys and scholars were: Attorney Antoinette Jackson, Professor Michael T. Iglesias, Attorney Goodwille Pierre, Processor Guy-Uriel Charles, Professor Christina Rivers, Professor L. Darnell Weeden, Professor Areto Imoukhuede, Professor Ronald Turner, Professor Martin Levy, Attorney Allan Van Fleet, and Professor Constance Fain. TMSL professors who served as symposium moderators were: Professor Asmara Tekle, Professor Michael, James Distinguished Professor James M. Douglas, and Professor Lupe Salinas.

The symposium kicked off to a great start with dinner & discussion at the law school on the evening of February 18th with guest panelists, TMSL faculty and staff. The dinner was hosted by the symposium chairman, TMSL Professor Craig Jackson.
Associate Dean Cassandra Hill’s article, *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room: The Role of Student Responsibility and Motivating Our Students to Learn*, was recently cited by Emily Grant (a professor at Washburn University School of Law) in her Arkansas Law Review article, *The Pink Tower Meets the Ivory Tower: Adapting Montessori Teaching Methods for Law School*, 68 Ark. L. Rev. 603, 651 (2015).


Professor Asmara M. Tekle presented her paper, *Rectifying These Mean Streets: Percent-for-Art, Street Furniture, and the New Streetscape*, to the faculty of South Texas College of Law on January 22, 2016, as part of the TMSL/STCL faculty exchange. Also, on January 8, 2016, at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Professor Tekle served as a panelist entitled “Reforming Law and Scholarship by Disciplinary Design,” and discussing interdisciplinary research in the legal academy.

Professor April Walker recently accepted an offer to publish her latest article, *A License to Kill: The Good, The Bad, and Ugly of Hospice Care*, with the North Dakota Law Review.

Professor L. Darnell Weeden’s article, *Good Public Policy Occurs Under Plyler When in-State College Tuition Rates Are Awarded to Undocumented Bona Fide Resident Immigrants*, 25 GEO. MASON U. CIV. RTS. L.J. 191 (2015), was recently cited by Professor Nancy Levit, Curators’ and Edward D. El- lison Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, in the Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 28 J. Am. Acad. Matrim. Law. 321, 352 (2015). Professor Levit’s Children’s Interests Annotated Bibliography listed Professor Weeden’s article under the topic Immigrant Children.
On January 28-30, 2016, Professor Stephanie Ledesma attended the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference (“MAPOC”) hosted by American University, Washington D.C, and presented her current work-in-progress, "Importance of Competent Legal Counsel: Protecting Due Process Rights of Indigent Families and Dismantling Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System.". This year, MAPOC’s theme focused on the rights of children as follows: “Our constitutional jurisprudence recognizes children as legal persons, but the rights children possess are ill defined. For example, children have no independent standing to assert rights against those who hurt, endanger, or undermine their emotional, physical, psychological, or spiritual well-being."

This year, Professor Lydia Johnson and Professor Stephanie Ledesma attended the 2016 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference (“MAPOC”) hosted by American University, Washington D.C, and presented their works-in-progress. Joined with Professor Johnson and Ledesma in this picture is Catherine Smith, Professor and Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Professor Smith, a former TMSL faculty member, will serve as TMSL’s Spring 2016 Scholar-in-Residence this March.

The Board of Regents of Texas Southern University recently selected one of our own, Professor Ahunanya Anga to serve on the Presidential Search Committee to represent the faculty.

Professor Ana Otero presented, “Death Penalty 101: Revisiting the Modern Era of the Death Penalty on the 40th Anniversary of Jurek v. Texas”. During the 18th Annual Conference of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP)

Professor Otero, who also proudly serves on the board of directors for the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, will also serve as moderator during the conference for the panel discussion featuring Dr. Stephen Klineberg, Professor of Sociology at Rice University and the founder of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research.

Professor Walter Champion’s article A Seasick Blackjack Dealer on a Moored Riverboat Casino is not a “Seaman” Under the Jones Act was published in the Northern Kentucky Law Review.

Professor Deana Pollard has created and hosts a talk show, Meet The Professors. Meet The Professors is a 30-minute unscripted talk show featuring colleagues and friends who have teamed up to share their insights on cutting-edge research affecting people’s families and daily lives. Show topics vary and include unconscious racial bias, stereotyping, bullying, gender bias, and injustice in the court systems, just to name a few. Past and future episodes may be found at the following link: www.MeetTheProfessors.org.
On Friday, February 26, 2016, Professor Peter Marchetti presented a paper titled “Amending Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code” at the 11th International Conference on Contracts (KCON XI), a conference for contracts and commercial law scholars. This year, the KCON conference will take place at St. Mary’s University School of Law in San Antonio. In his presentation, Professor Marchetti will discuss several recent cases that demonstrate how the precise parameters of Section 546 of the Bankruptcy Code are unclear. Namely, Professor argues there is a lack of clarity as to exactly what type of claims Section 546 preempts.

On February 10, 2016, TMSL hosted special guest speaker, Wahab Egbewole, Professor and Former Dean of the University of Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Ilorin (Nigeria). Professor Egbewole spoke on “The Role of the Judiciary in Developing Democracies in Nigeria and Other African Countries.” His visit was facilitated by Professor Thomas Kleven and co-sponsored by the Institute for International and Immigration Law.
The TMSL faculty, administration, and staff express our deepest sympathy to the Singletary family in the loss of our retired staff member, Mrs. Loretta Singletary. Mrs. Singletary was employed for many years at Texas Southern University. Seven of those years were spent at Thurgood Marshall School of Law where she served as an administrative assistant. She was laid to rest on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Please enjoy our fond memories of Mrs. Loretta Singletary, below:
Congratulations to Professor Maurice Hew, Jr., former TMSLAW immigration clinic students, Margaret Ozel, and Ara Cho and the Clinic for winning cross appeals pending for over 6 years before the Board of Immigration Appeals in Falls Church, Virginia. Due to their exceptional research and brief writing skills, an adverse credibility finding was overturned on appeal under the clearly erroneous standard. Clients are a mother and minor son, both from El Salvador. The mother sought withholding of removal and the son sought asylum before the Immigration Judge in York, Pennsylvania. In a 2009 decision the Immigration Judge denied the mother’s withholding application finding her not credible and granted the son’s application for asylum. The clients were represented at trial by the Villanova Law School Clinic for asylum, refugee, and emigrant services (Cares).

In 2009, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law’s Immigration Clinic answered Villanova’s call for a briefing lawyer on both cases. Mom was appealing the adverse credibility finding and the denial of her withholding claim. The Department of Homeland Security filed an appeal of the grant of asylum for the minor son.

Now that the appellate litigation is over, the 2016 Immigration clinic will engage in motion practice and form filling in an effort to obtain collateral benefits such as work authority and adjustment of status for the clients.
From January 18 – 25, 2016, the first National HBCU Online Job Fair sponsored by Talk2Ten was held with such firms as the AT&T and Office Depot Legal Departments, the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management for the United States Department of Justice, the Environment and Natural Resources Division for the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Administrative Office for the U.S. Courts participating in this event. As part of this groundbreaking initiative, Thurgood Marshall School of Law was well-represented with students that signed up. In fact, we surpassed all other HBCUs by having 61 students sign up in a single day!

Additionally, three TMSL students were selected to be featured on the landing page of LexSchola. These students were Whittney Richardson (3L), Fernando Mandujano (3L), and Lakeisha Walton (1L) were selected by attorneys associated with LexSchola to be featured on LexSchola’s landing page. These three TMSL students were selected by these attorneys that felt that if they were hiring, these students would be ones that they would be interested in hiring.

The next day, the Career Services Office learned that the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) of the U.S. Department of Justice had selected ten TMSL students to communicate with as part of their participation in the Talk2Ten initiative. These students are:

Matthew Florez (3L), Jennifer Adiuku (1L), Ari Wells (1L), Marshaun Williams (1L), Bethany Allen (1L), Abraham Hernandez (1L), Sekeia Wyatt (2L), Brian Ehrenberg (1L), Renettia Foreman (1L), Isaac Liou (1L), Becky Parker (3L), and Stacey Wells (3L).

What makes this such an amazing selection is that TMSL was the only HBCU with multiple students chosen by ENRD.

Finally, TMSL had the most students chosen by Black Law. These students were Keidra McGriff (3L), Stacy Johnson (3L), and Latoya Merida (3L),

*Talk2Ten is an online event connecting legal professionals to the six law schools of America’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Before the landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, HBCU law schools were the key, and in some places the only, training ground for African-American lawyers. Since *Brown*, HBCU law schools remain an important part of the educational landscape, and feature some of the most diverse student bodies in the nation. HBCU law schools provide an invaluable, but underutilized, pipeline of diverse talent to the legal profession.*
Message from Academic Support:

On behalf of the department of Academic Support and the current students and TMSL alumni who sat for the February 2016 bar exam, please accept my most sincere thanks for your time, skill and guidance. A special thanks to Professors Colon, Otero, Tekle and Walker for your weekend workshops, your teaching, coaching, encouragement and fervent support. We are endlessly grateful to our College Business Administrator, Susan Thomas, without whose help our workshops and bar lunches would not have been possible.

To each and every bar coach, too many of you to name, thank you for answering my call for help and for being there to mentor, to check on, and to push our bar takers to prepare them to face down the Texas Bar Exam this month. Many of you balance demanding career and caseloads, others are challenged to build your law practice from scratch. Your sacrifice of time and talent are greatly appreciated.

Your concern and support may make a difference in the outcome for any one of our bar takers. Our theme for the February 2016 bar is **Want it, Work for it, Will not be Denied!**

Please rest assured that I will not hesitate to call upon you again for your support!!

Marsha Griggs
Assistant Dean for Academic Support and Bar Readiness
The Federal Bar Association has committed to volunteering with the Houston Texans YMCA. FBA is working alongside associate attorneys from a local global law firm to help local high school students prepare for the Youth and Government Texas Mock Trial Competition. They have recently placed 7th in the District Competition and have been invited to compete in Regionals. The Association welcomes the opportunity to aid the students in achieving their goals and lead them to victory. In order to better aid this program, we have applied for the FBA Community Outreach Grant so that we may help the student’s with supplies, clothing, transportation, and other related costs during the competition.

**Honor Court**

This past December, the Thurgood Marshall Honor Court participated in the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation annual Adopt-An-Angel program. Each year, the foundation partners with the HYL, local law firms, and businesses to provide holiday cheer to low-income Houston-area children through their annual gift-giving program. The program benefited six early childhood and elementary schools, as well as an additional four private charities. Honor Court members teamed up to deliver hundreds of toys to kindergartners at a local elementary school Bastian Elementary. Santa Clause was also in attendance to memorialize the occasion as the TMSL elves helped the children with gifts twice their size. “This was by far the most rewarding experience that I have had all year. Adopt an Angel embodied the true meaning of Christmas and being a lawyer; giving back and helping those who are less fortunate” said 2L Justice Laymond Wilburn.
STUDENT NEWS Cont’d.

TMSL Student Publication Review

On January 27, 2016, Thurgood Marshall School of Law held its first TMSL Student Publications Review. Four 3L students presented their law review comments to a captive audience and Professor Rebecca Stewart served as a moderator. The speakers and their topics were: (1) Ms. Crystal Ibe, “Feeding the Homeless: The Criminalization of a Humanitarian Act”; (2) Mr. Jay Garza, “Broken: The Social, Political, and Legal Implications of America’s Immigration Dilemma”; (3) Ms. Kiera Welch, “When the Mentally Ill and the Criminal Justice System Collide—The Result”; and (4) Ms. Roben West, “Judge Blows the Whistle on the Compensation Cap: How the NCAA’s False Claim of Amateurism is Beginning to Crumble.” The session and student presentations were wonderful—both engaging and informative. The students’ comments are published in the Thurgood Marshall Law Review Online Edition and may be accessed here: http://tmlawreview.org/edition/online-edition/.

TMSL Mock Trial Team Wins 1st Place

The TMSL Mock Trial team won 1st place to TAMU and UH law schools in the Rocky Mountain Regional of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association ( NBLSA). The winning team consisted of Davis Somoye, Kevin Christiansen, Sasha Missick, and Juliana Shaw. This dynamic team was coached by TMSL alum Leticia Quinones.

3L Mike Warner

TMSL 3L Mike Warner served as a panelists on the University of Las Vegas Law School conference on gaming law.
STUDENT NEWS Cont’d.

Thurgood Marshall Law Review

It is with a very distinct honor that I have the privilege to announce the new members of the Law Review Editorial Board for the 2016-2017 Academic Year:

Sekeia Wyatt: Editor-In-Chief
Nekketta Archie: Executive Editor
Caitlin Hodge: Lead Articles Editor
Kelechi Onwumere: Managing Editor
Divya Raj: Digital Content Editor
Melissa Richard: Research Editor
Robert Brown II: Business Editor

In addition, I would like to announce those members of the Law Review chosen for publication in the next online volume:

Nekketta Archie, Red Light, Green Light: The evil yet Ever-Existing Intersection of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking and the Foster Care System

Amy Greenbaum, The Death Penalty: Mentally Ill Men Are Executed; Mentally Ill Women Are Committed

Mya Johnson, The Lack of Trust in A Trust Relationship: Indian Affairs and The Federal Government

Divya Raj, Open Carry: A Movement for Safety or The Continuance of a Violent Era?

Leah D. Pinkard, You Can’t Squeeze Water from a Stone, But Soon, We May Have to Try: A Scratch at The Surface of Texas Groundwater Law and How Antiquated Common Law Could Leave Us All High and Dry, 41 T. MARSHALL L. REV. ONLINE 138 (2016)

The Law Review has also created an issue set for the articles in Issue 1 and Issue 2. Please congratulate these students as they have proven their ability to become experts in legal writing, research, and citation.

Matthew W. Bourda
Editor-in-Chief
Thurgood Marshall Law Review
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS
ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alums in Texas Elections

Edward Pollard – State Representative
District 137

Randy Bates – Texas State Representative
District 139

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

Joy Dawson Thomas – State Representative
District 126

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

Sonny Palacios – U.S. Congress
District 15

Victoria Neave – State Representative
District 107

Morris Overstreet – Harris County
District Attorney
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS  Cont’d.
ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alums in Texas Elections

Shari Bihms – Justice of the Peace
Precinct 1, Place 1

Cheryl Elliott Thornton –
Justice of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 1

Brian Middleton – County Court at
Law #5 (Fort Bend County)

George Powell – 351st Judicial District

The Honorable Hilary Green – Justice
of the Peace Precinct 7, Place 1

The Honorable Warren Fitzgerald, Jr. – Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1

Bernie Aldape III – State Representative
District 144

Javan Patton – Judge
10th Judicial Circuit Seat 4
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS Cont’d.
ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alums in Texas Elections

Terrence Holmes—Jefferson County Court at Law No. 2

Rabeea Collier—Judge 11th Civil District

The Honorable Nikita “Niki” Harmon—Judge 176th District Court
ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS  
ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alums Staring in WE Network Show “Sisters in Law”

TMSL Alumni Juanita Jackson, TMSL class of 1997, Harris County Public Defenders’ Office; Vivian King, TMSL class of 1992, board certified criminal law attorney; and Monique Sparks, TMSL Class of 2006, Sparks Law Firm are staring in the WE network reality show “Sisters in Law” slated to premier in March.

Investiture of TMSL Alum Morris Onyewuchi

Morris Onyewuchi, TMSL class of 2002, presently works for the Department of Homeland Security in Atlanta, GA where he practices criminal and immigration law. Onyewuchi was recently appointed as an Immigration Court Judge. His Investiture will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Great Hall at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Please join the TMSL Family in congratulating The Honorable Morris Onyewuchi.

TMSL Alum Keith Franklin Named Board President

Attorney Keith Franklin, TMSL class of 2013 was elected as President of the Laredo area Community foundation Board. This board was formed in 2005 to serve South Texas non-profit organizations. To date, they have given almost $12 million to assist local charities and scholarship programs in the Larado and South Texas areas.

Attorney Franklin is an associate with Person, Whitworth, Borchers & Morales where he focuses primarily on oil & gas and real estate law.
TMSL Alum Samuel Louis Helps Clients Comply with New FDA Regulations

**Attorney Samuel Louis**, TMSL class of 1989 and Partner, Strasburger and Price, LLP has dedicated most of his legal career prosecuting healthcare fraud. Presently, Attorney Louis’ practice focuses on the defense of healthcare fraud and compliance investigations. Louis published an article entitled *Recent Developments in Food and Drug Law, 2016 Edition* Leading Lawyers on dealing with the increased enforcement, keeping up-to-date with FDA requirements, and developing compliance practices helping clients understand and comply with new food and drug safety regulations. In the article, Louis discussed the recent passing of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and its affect on stakeholders and he further discusses the passing of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act.

**TMSL Alum Ryan Bormaster: A Pinnacle Professional**

**Attorney Ryan Bormaster**, TMSL class of 2000 was recognized by Continental Who’s Who as a Pinnacle Professional in the area of legal services. Attorney Bormaster is shareholder and managing attorney of R.B. Bormaster and Associates, P.C., a Houston based firm specializing in personal injury, trial law, real estate law, and consumer law. Bormaster was recognized by Super Lawyers in 2014 and he was selected as a Rising Star by Houston Magazine in 2003. In addition, attorney Bormaster is the author of two legal guides on DUI and automobile accidents.
UPCOMING EVENTS

THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

6PM COCKTAIL HOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

BELL TOWER ON 34TH
901 W. 34TH, HOUSTON, TX 77018
UPCOMING EVENTS Cont’d.

TMSL LAW WEEK

Alumni Reception

Thursday, April 21, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Peeples

1911 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas 77002
R.S.V.P. to prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu
UPCOMING EVENTS Cont’d.

A Night of Externships

Who: All 2017 Graduates

When: March 1, 2016- 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: TMSL Room 105-106

What: Info. and Externship Registration

For more information: Contact Professor Ledesma

X 1105; Room 236 F; or stephanie@ledesma-law.com
UPCOMING CLES

Criminalized Injustices: The Consequences of an Unfair Legal System

Presented by: Journal on Gender, Race & Justice, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law

March 4, 2016
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Rooms 105-106
3100 Cleburne St.
Houston, TX 77004

Topics
Justice on Trial: Racial Disparities under Color of Law: Police Brutality; Unequal Justice: Racial Disparities with the Death Penalty; and Mental Illness within the Criminal Justice System

MCLE 4.0 hrs. Ethics .20 hr.
COSTS: Attorneys $25.00; Free Admission for Government and Non-profit Attorneys, TSU Faculty, Staff, Students and the General Public

*Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law is an accredited sponsor approved by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE
UPCOMING CLES Cont’d.

April 7th - 8th
2016 IMMIGRATION LAW &
ECI JOURNAL SYMPOSIUM – CLE

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL & IMMIGRATION LAW
IMMIGRATION LAW LL.M
THE EARL CARL INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL & SOCIAL POLICY, INC.
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Times: 8:30 am-4:00 pm (lunch 12noon- 1:00pm) each day
Cost: $120.** attorneys; $50.** gov’t and non-profit attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 14.0 (7.0 each day)
Ethics: 4.0 (2.0 each day)
Register online: http://TMSICLE.eventbrite.com
Breakfast & Lunch Provided
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.
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, 4-7 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 Law Class) on Thursday, March 3rd, and (4) Lunch and Q&A with Law Review and Journal members on Thursday, March 3rd, 12 – 1 pm
Location: Deans Conference Room
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

March 2nd
1L Skills Academy - OAS
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

March 3rd
Thurgood Thursday – hosted by the Advocates of Justice
Location: TBD
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

March 4th
Criminalized Injustices: The Consequences of an Unfair Legal System – CLE
Journal on Gender, Race & Justice
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Cost: $25.00
MCLE: 4.0
Ethics: .50

March 5th
TMSL Community Service Day
TMSL Clinics, ECI, and SBA
Location: Sunnyside Park
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

March 7th – 11th
Mid-Term Examinations

March 9th
TMSL/Concordia Law Faculty Exchange Series
“The Judicial Role in Filling the Justice Gap” Professor Jodi Nafzger, Director of Experiential Learning and Assistant Professor, Concordia University School of Law
Location: Deans Conference Room
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

March 14th – 18th
TMSL Spring Break

March 23rd
SCALS Faculty Exchange – “Three Is Not A Crowd In Plea Negotiations: Evading Judicial Participation in Plea Negotiations As A Necessary Evil” Professor Prentiss White, Associate Professor, Southern University Law Center
Location: Deans Conference Room
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

March 23rd
TMSL Legal Clinic Open House
Location: Legal Clinic
Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

March 23rd
1st Annual Spring Collaborative Experiential Learning Open House
Location: Moot Court Room
Time: 12:00 noon– 1:00 pm

March 25th
Good Friday (No Classes)

March 28th – April 6th
The Experiential Learning Program’s Solo Practice CLE Series

March 28th
Family Law –CLE
Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Time: 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Cost: $25.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
MCLE: 3.00
Ethics 1.00

To register on-line for ALL the law school’s CLE courses click the link below:

Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law
February Birthdays

Anna James  8th
James Douglas  11th
Constance Fain  11th
Toyann Timmons  21st
Trina Leach  22nd

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!