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U.S. Congressman Al Green to Deliver Keynote Address at Hooding Ceremony to Commemorate the Achievements of the 2014 Graduating Class of Thurgood Marshall School of Law



As the end of another academic year approaches, the board of regents, Dr. John M. Rudley, TSU president, executive administration of Texas Southern University, and the administration, faculty and staff of Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) will honor the achievements of the 2014 graduating class of Thurgood Marshall School of Law at TMSL's annual Hooding Ceremony on Friday evening, May 9 at the dynamic Bayou Music Center, 520 Texas Street in downtown Houston from 6:30pm to 9:30pm.

At this formal ceremony, third-year TMSL students who have successfully completed *juris doctorate* degree requirements will be awarded traditional hoods for the Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) to wear with their graduation gowns at the Texas Southern University commencement ceremony in the Health & Physical Education Arena on the University campus, the following day on Saturday morning, May 10. The highest academic achievers from the 2014 TMSL graduating class will also be recognized during this auspicious occasion.

United States Congressman of the Ninth District of Texas and TMSL alum Al Green will serve as keynote speaker at the hooding ceremony.

Per Congressman Green, *"As a proud alumnus of this great institution, I am grateful for the invitation to participate in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law 2014 Graduating Class Hooding Ceremony. I consider it a privilege to speak to my esteemed alma mater and will hope that the words uttered from my mouth will not only be pleasing to all those assembled on that evening, but will galvanize our TMSL graduates to improve, protect and pass on the rich legacy of Thurgood Marshall School of Law in the years to come."*

About Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Thurgood Marshall School of Law is a mission-driven institution dedicated to expanding opportunities for the underserved in the legal profession, preparing a diverse group of students for leadership roles in the legal profession, business, and government, and offering leadership in teaching, research, and service. In keeping with its rich tradition as an HBCU, the Law School continues to train and educate large numbers of African American and Hispanic lawyers. At the same time, the Law School has opened its doors to students from all backgrounds, gaining recognition as one of the most diverse Law Schools in the country. As part of a special purpose institution for urban programming, the Law School is also committed to making an impact on urban communities.



TMSL Announces Winners of the Alumni Survey Incentive Prizes



Prof. Docia Rudley, Executive Director of Law School Assessment and TMSL sends a special thank you to all alumni who participated in the TMSL alumni survey administered by Hanover Research during February and March, 2014. The results are in and winners of the

drawing for the three smart pads are: **Catherine Brantley** (class of 2002), **Gabriel Guzman** (class of 2013), and **Robert Thomas** (class of 1997). The recipients will each receive the smart pad of their choice (value up to \$1500).

The alumni survey was developed by Hanover, in collaboration with the TMSL Office of the Dean, and the TMSL Offices of Assessment and External Affairs. Out of 2,733 alumni contacted, Hanover received 320 completed surveys. According to the firm, this translates to a respectable response rate of 11.7%. The responses have been tabulated and some of the key findings follow:

- **Satisfaction with TMSL is high among alumni, but there is room for improvement.** A strong majority (69 percent) strongly agree that their law degree was a good career investment. While the majority of alumni agree to some extent that 1) law school prepared them for their careers and 2) they would attend TMSL again, the percentage *strongly agreeing* with these statements is under 50 percent. The metric with the most room for improvement is “Law school prepared me well for my career,” as just 38 percent express strong agreement with that statement.
- **Satisfaction with TMSL is weaker among recent alumni.** While 48 percent alumni who graduated before 2007 *strongly agree* that law school prepared them well, just 12 percent of

those graduating in 2007 or after say the same. Similar (though smaller) gaps between older and recent alumni also exist on the other two satisfaction metrics we examined. A possible explanation for this gap is the weak job market that took hold around the 2008-09 financial crisis. Recent alumni are less likely to be employed as a bar licensed lawyer, potentially explaining why they are more likely to question the value of their legal education. Relatedly, the survey team observed a gap in satisfaction between those currently employed as a lawyer and those not currently practicing.

- **Diversity is a core strength of TMSL.** When asked to discuss TMSL’s strengths in an open-ended essay, many alumni referenced diversity. Additionally, TMSL alumni who represent individuals are most likely to represent racial and ethnic minorities. One caveat to this, however, is that alumni tend to represent clients of the same race or ethnicity. In the aggregate, this translates to a diverse client base because the student body at TMSL is diverse. However, there is limited diversity in individual alumni members’ “portfolio” of clients.
- **Bar passage rates and academic reputation are perceived to be the main weaknesses of TMSL.** Many alumni feel that bar preparation at TMSL is lacking, though some do reference recent improvement. Not only do many alumni see this is an overall weakness of TMSL, they also view bar passage as a central issue and challenge to be addressed. Similarly, many alumni mention that TMSL’s reputation is not very strong in some legal circles. Some alumni recommend stricter admissions policies and increased engagement with law firms and employers as a way to boost TMSL’s reputation.



TMSL Announces Winners of the Alumni Survey Incentive Prizes *(Cont'd.)*

- **There is room for additional alignment between skill development and importance at TMSL.** While development of some important skills is strong at TMSL, development of other important abilities is lacking, including: interviewing and counseling clients; time management and goal setting; and drafting legal documents. For example, interviewing and counseling clients ranks as the 6th most important legal skill, yet its ranking is 18th when looking at the percentage of alumni who said this skill was moderately or very developed at TMSL.
- **While the majority of alumni have engaged in at least one TMSL activity since graduation, participation is stronger among older alumni.** While just 21 percent of pre-2007 alumni have not engaged in activities since graduation, the number more than doubles to 46 percent among those who have graduated since 2007. Older alumni are specifically more likely to make financial donations and attend TMSL alumni events.
- **Most alumni keep up-to-date on the TMSL Alumni Association.** Only two percent of respondents report not receiving or accessing any information about the Alumni Association in the last 12 months. The most common sources of information are formal (e.g., emails from TMSL and the TMSL newsletter), while informal sources are less common (e.g., social networking and word of mouth). However, recent alumni are more likely to receive information about the Alumni Association through these informal means. This suggests that using new media might be an effective way to engage with recent alumni.

For additional information about the survey, please contact Dr. Docia Rudley, TMSL Office of Assessment at (713) 313-1146.



Faculty Highlights



On April 10, 2014, **Professor Emeka Duruigbo** and **Dr. Sarmistha Rina Majumdar**, assistant professor at the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, presented an interdisciplinary talk entitled *Fracking: Legal and Public Policy Perspectives* organized by the TSU Office of Research.

Emeka Duruigbo Invited to speak at the 7th Annual Conference of NAEE and IAEE

Professor Emeka Duruigbo was invited to speak at the 7th annual conference of the Nigerian Association for Energy Economics (NAEE) and the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) held on February 16-18, 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria. Professor Duruigbo was part of a February 18 plenary panel on “Sustainable Energy for All (SEFA) and the Law” and approached the subject from a U.S. energy perspective.

During the trip, Professor Duruigbo granted an interview to West Africa’s leading economic and financial newspaper on sundry energy issues and part of the interview has been published and may be viewed online at

<http://businessdayonline.com/2014/02/oil-companies-to-continue-to-flare-gas-beyond-2015/>.

While in Nigeria, Professor Duruigbo taught an Oil and Gas Law mini-course to graduate students of Law and Energy Studies at the University of Ibadan.

Professor Duruigbo also published an introduction to 2013 energy symposium edition of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review. The full citation for the introduction is: Emeka Duruigbo, *Powering the Future: A Modern Conversation on Energy*, 38 T. MARSHALL L. REV. 151 (2013).

- In addition, Professor Duruigbo has accepted an offer to publish his article titled “*Nunc Dimittis or Chief Cornerstone?: Evaluating Africa's International Norm-Development Experiment in the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project*” in the Northwestern Journal of International Law and Business.

On April 3, 2014, **Earl Carl Professor of Law Constance Fain** and **Professors Craig Jackson, Marcia Johnson, Thomas Kleven, Martin Levy, and SpearIt** participated in a panel entitled *By the Book @ #TMSL* as part of TSU’s Research Week. The panel was moderated by **Professor Shaundra Kellam Lewis**. The purpose of the workshop was to provide the authors an opportunity to discuss and showcase their books, and to provide publication guidance to faculty members who may be contemplating undertaking a book project.



Professor Cassandra Hill’s publication, *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room: The Role of Student Responsibility and Motivating Our Students to Learn*, 56 HOWARD L. J. 447 (2013), was the focus of a February 28, 2014, workshop on teaching hosted by North Carolina Central Law School, led by Professors Todd Clark

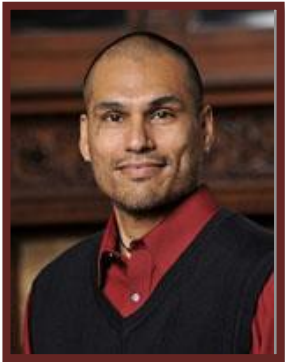
and April Dawson of North Carolina Central Law, and entitled *The Role of Students in the Learning Process*.

On April 22, 2014, **Professor Kindaka Sanders** presented *Defending the Spirit: The Criminal Law and the Intangible Body of Man* as part of the TMSL Quodlibet.





Faculty Highlights (Cont'd.)



Professor SpearIt has accepted an offer to serve as faculty at the Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) DiscoverLaw.org Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) program hosted by the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The LSAC's DiscoverLaw.org

Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) program is an "immersive 4-week summer program for up to 20 [undergraduate] students entering their sophomore or junior year in Fall 2014" who are interested in attending law school. The PLUS program is intended for those who are historically underrepresented in the legal field.

On March 28, 2014, **Professor SpearIt** presented *Economic Interest Convergence in Prison Downsizing* at the Challenging Authority Symposium hosted by the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law. **Professor SpearIt** also has accepted an invitation to present in September 2014 at Indiana State University, *Sonic Jihad: Muslim Hip Hop in the Age of Mass Incarceration* at the sixth annual International Crime, Media and Popular Culture Studies Conference: A Cross-Disciplinary Exploration.

Professor and Associate Dean Asmara M. Tekle participated in an ABA site team visit of Valparaiso School of Law in Valparaiso, Indiana, on April 6-9, 2014. Other members of the site team included Chair of the site team, former **Dean** and **Professor Patrick Hetrick** at



Campbell University School of Law in Raleigh, North Carolina, **Professor Sarah Hooke Lee**, Assistant Dean and Director of Information and Research Services and Associate Professor of Law at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts, **Clinical Professor**

of Law Mary Lynch at Albany Law School, **Attorney Sharren Rose** of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and **Provost Mark Wahlers** of Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. Serving as the AALS representative was **Norma J. Paulus Professor of Law Robin Morris Collin** at Willamette University College of Law in Salem, Oregon. **Professor and Associate Dean Asmara M. Tekle** also accepted an invitation to publish in a special issue of the *South Texas Law Review* on land use in Houston.



Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article, *Medicaid Expansion, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and the Supreme Court's Flawed Spending Clause Coercion Reasoning* in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, cited at 61 CLEV. ST. L. REV. 1051 (2013), is now

out in print.



Dean Dannye Holley was featured in the April 10, 2014 issue of *The Defender* "Chag's Place" with Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congressman Al Green and TSU President John M. Rudley. The article highlighted TMSL's celebratory luncheon honoring TMSL's membership to AALS and our recent bar success.



Faculty Highlights (Cont'd.)

TSU Faculty Achievement Awards



Tuesday, April 22, 2014 **Professor and Associate Dean Asmara M. Tekle, Professors Ana Otero, Cassandra Hill, SpearIt, and Katherine Vukadin** received special recognition from the university. Also pictured (*left to right*): Vice President & Provost Sunny Ohia, Dean Dannye Holley and far right TSU President John M. Rudley.

Professor Ana Otero 2013-14 Professor of the Year



Elected by the student body and conducted by the SBA.



Pictured here (*left to right*): **Prof. Cary D. Wintz, Prof. Martin Levy, Prof. Paul Finkleman, Prof. Craig Jackson and Prof. Lupe Salinas** after Professor Paul Finkelman's presentation to TMSL entitled *American Legal History: A Perspective: Tom Joyner, Barack Obama, and Solomon Northup*.



STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to the TMSL Family

Cynthia Estrada **Office Administrator**

Ms. Cynthia Estrada has more than 16 years' experience in office administration with Fortune 500 organizations. Her experience spans business and administrative leadership in various areas of the Energy and Real Estate industries.



Ms. Estrada joins TMSL from Transfield Services Americas, where she most recently held a dual role as the bilingual Office Manager and Senior Executive Assistant to the President. She was responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the

national headquarters in Houston, Texas, where she managed staff, large scale projects, and reconciled budgets. While there, her peers awarded her the 2011 Appreciation award, given by her co-workers and managers, in recognition of completing projects on time and under budget.

Ms. Estrada is also a certified Notary Public for the Texas Secretary of State and is a member of the American Association for Notaries.

Jose Nieto **Sr. Administrative Assistant- Legal Legal Clinic**



Mr. Jose L. Nieto, was previously employed as a paralegal with the firm Hughes Watters Askanase L.L.P. Mr. Nieto has been an assistant to

the chapter 7 Trustee, Janet S. Northrup for more than five years. Mr. Nieto has been a paralegal for the past eleven years and has been in the bankruptcy field for more than eight years. Mr. Nieto has an Associate's in Arts and Sciences (A.A.S.) degree in Paralegal Studies from Houston Community College.

He is a member of the Houston Association of Bankruptcy Paralegals and National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees.

Kathy McKenzie **Sr. Administrative Assistant - Legal Law Review & Board of Advocates**

Ms. Kathy McKenzie recently relocated to Houston from Memphis, TN, where she worked for 13 years at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as an Administrative Assistant in Pharmaceutical Services. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel University; and earned her MBA in Public Administration from Columbia Southern University. She has one daughter who has recently earned her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University. Ms. McKenzie is an advocate for community service and has become a certified Disaster Action Team volunteer for the Red Cross of Houston. A few of her favorite things are spending time with family and friends, watching TV/movies, and travel vacations. She is excited to add another chapter to her life in Houston.





STAFF HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd.)

Politics Council Chair, Leonard H. O. Spearman, Jr., of Texas Southern University, welcomed Robert Miller, Partner, Locke Lord LLP, as the Politics Council speaker on March 11



The Greater Houston Partnership seeks to build collaboration within the business community. The [new Councils](#) give Members a chance to gather with their peers along with leading experts from the business community to gain insights into the

key trends and issues impacting the region's economy.

The [Greater Houston Partnership's Councils](#) provide Members an opportunity to build connections to people, for business development and professional network-building, and to information, to help make informed business decisions. Each council offers access to Houston's business thought leaders in dynamic, energizing sessions, highlighting a particular area of interest relevant to the council topic. By connecting with like-minded Members, who regularly gather to discuss areas of mutual interest, you gain a broader understanding of the relevant issues in our community and build a network of key business relationships.

Sarah Guidry is Reappointed Director of TSU'S UIELS

In September 2011, TSU established six university wide institutes. ECI became part of the *University Institute for Education & Legal Studies/Policy* (UIELS) along with the Center for Strategic Advances in Education, the Center on Legal Pedagogy, and the Institute for



International and Immigration Law. In 2013, ECI Director, **Sarah R. Guidry**, was selected to serve as the first Director of the UIELS, for one year, under the premise that the directorship would change annually. However, in March of this year, Director Guidry was again named to head the UIELS.

The purpose for creation of university level institutes was to enable TSU to maximize its research, educational, and service potential by organizing centers and institutes into defined clusters based upon the strategic goals and initiatives of the University and to encourage interdisciplinary approaches. The goals of the UIELS are to: (1) promote collaborations that address urban issues involving education, legal and social policy through an interdisciplinary approach, (2) provide education to the university and community at large about educational, legal, and social policy issues impacting the urban community, and (3) increase employment opportunities for qualified and confident students for positions with law firms, education related organizations, governmental agencies, foreign governments, and private organizations and foundations.

**Derrick Wilson
Interim Assistant Dean of
Administrative Services
2013-14 Staff Member of the Year**



Elected by the student body and conducted by the SBA.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OFFICE OF SBA PRESIDENT GAVEN NORRIS 2014-2015 SBA Officers

The newly elected SBA and class officers for 2014-2015. Some positions are vacant and will be filled by the incoming SBA Board.

SBA President-elect

Marcos Soto

SBA V.P.-elect

Cornell Hamilton-Paul

SBA Treasurer-elect

Claudia Pasillas

SBA Sgt. At Arms-elect

Christopher Self

3L Class President-elect

Scott Brooks

3L Class V.P.-elect

Cecily Washington

2L Class President-elect

Tre Meredith

2L Class V.P.-elect

Pamela Moreno

2L Class Secretary-elect

Jana Thompson

2L Class Treasurer-elect

Paola Tostado

2L Class Historian-elect

June Caudill

2L Class Sgt. At Arms-elect

Kyndra Todd

TMSL Class of 2014-Top 3 Students

TMSL Alum, **Elvin P. Ross III** has awarded the top three (3) 3L students in class 2014 with the *Elvin P. Ross III Peer Excellence Award*. Mr. Ross has given this award for the past six (6) years. This is a monetary award given in celebration of the outstanding academic achievements of the top students. The 2014 top three students in order are the following:

Congratulations to all awardees!!!!



Martin Reza, Valedictorian



Earl Latchley, Salutatorian



Eric Hopkins



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS *(Cont'd.)* *TMSL LAW WEEK 2014*







STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS *(Cont'd.)*

2014 Hooding Ceremony

Friday, May 9, 2014

6:30 P.M.



Bayou Music Center

520 Texas Avenue

Houston, TX 77002

Reception immediately following in the lobby

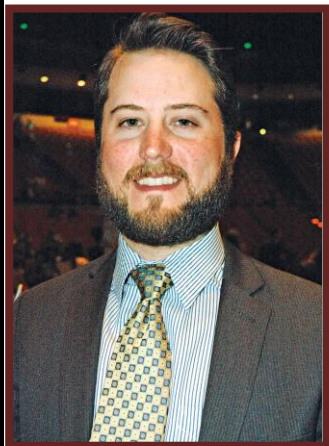




ALUMNI NEWS

Thurgood Graduates Interviewed by the Texas Bar Journal

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Keith Franklin, 27, from Cotulla, went to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and is an associate of the Laredo-based Person, Whitworth, Borchers & Morales, which specializes in landowner representation.

What made you want to become a lawyer?

I'm from a small town and there wasn't a lawyer, so that was a big driving force. There was no legal representation for area farmers and ranchers. I also did debate in high school, and I really got into rural development and rural entrepreneurship when I went to college—and that's what gave me the idea to go to law school.

Do you have a legal role model?

I'm the first lawyer in my family. However, I had a professor whose name was Okezie Chukwumerije, who quickly became my legal role model once I started law school. He was my mentor.

What do you think is one of the most defining cases of the past 75 years?

A case that is really important to all of us at Thurgood Marshall is the *Sweatt v. Painter* decision that actually created the law school and was the last barricade that had to be knocked down because *Brown v. Board* came right after that. I got rejected from six law schools. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Heman Sweatt.

Do you think pro bono will play a role in your career?

Absolutely. Especially with the kind of clients we represent.

What are you most and least looking forward to as an attorney?

I am looking forward to helping the very people I went to law school for. I have been the beneficiary of so much charity over the years, and I'm glad to be able to do the same for others now. On that same note, I am least looking forward to paying back my student loans.



Since earning her J.D. from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2009, **Victoria Neave** has established a meaningful record of assisting those in need of pro bono services and organizing legal events, such as Conozca Sus Derechos for the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association. Now a shareholder in Neave

& Scott in Dallas, she continues to serve as a voice for community members with every pro bono case she handles.

ATJ PRO BONO CHAMPION

When did you begin pro bono work and what made you want to continue?

I began doing pro bono work as soon as I passed the bar exam. I have had an interest in public and community service since I was young, so it was a natural step for me. Like many other attorneys, I went to school to learn how to use the law to fight for those who have been wronged in some way.



ALUMNI NEWS *(Cont'd.)*

Have you observed any changes in the way society perceives pro bono work?

Some may say that our economy dictates the need for pro bono representation. I have always seen it as an obligation regardless of whether we live in a healthy economic climate. There will always be individuals who desperately need good legal representation.

Do you have any pro bono mentors you work to emulate?

During my time at the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program as the Weil, Gotshal & Manges Lend-a-Lawyer, I had the privilege of learning from Ken Fuller, a man with a huge heart and love for pro bono work. Ken recently passed away. He owned a thriving family law practice and spent time every single week at DVAP working on pro bono cases and mentoring volunteer attorneys. My other pro bono mentors are Kathy Saldana and Kristen Salas at DVAP. They are incredibly knowledgeable attorneys who help me any time I have a question on pro bono matters. The third group of attorneys that I admire is from the Dallas Hispanic Bar Pro Bono Committee. Every one of these folks has a heart for helping those less fortunate.

Is it difficult to find time to do pro bono work?

Managing time is something that is difficult for all of us, I think. If one can find time to engage in recreational activities, then one can find time to take a pro bono case. We make time for the things we truly care about.

Do you think a solo/small firm attorney has to take a different approach to pro bono work than an attorney at a larger firm?

Yes. I have been in both situations. First, attorneys at larger firms may need to obtain approval from a pro bono committee or partner prior to accepting a pro bono matter. A small firm attorney has more freedom to select the type of case and when to take it. Second, a large firm attorney may be able to work on larger, more complex pro bono matters on a firm-wide team, while a solo or small firm attorney may not have the time or capacity to dedicate to such matters.

Tell us about a memorable case.

One of my favorites was a contested divorce in which I represented an elderly man who could not read or write. We had lots of interesting twists and turns, including an incident in which my client was ambushed with pepper spray. If my client had not come to DVAP or obtained legal representation, he may not have learned about the leverage he had and obtained his fair share of the community estate.





ALUMNI NEWS *(Cont'd.)*

Alumni in the News



Troy Pradia, TMSL Class of 2000 has been featured on several local Houston news channels and other media outlets regarding his stellar representation in a slip and fall case against the Neighborly Store in Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas.



Kebharu Smith, TMSL Class of 2001 will leave the U.S. Attorneys' Office in Houston to join the U.S. Department of Justice Office of General Counsel in Washington D.C., as Assistant General Counsel. He departs in June and we are very

proud of him and wish him well.

Edward Wright, TMSL Class of 2008 will be announcing his running for district court judge in Milwaukee, WI.



Jerome Karam, TMSL Class of 1990 recently acquired the Texas Station Friendswood Shopping Center. Karam has used his redevelopment expertise for many years with several commercial renovation projects throughout Texas. He is especially proud of his recent project consisting of over 35,000 square feet, expected to house many prominent retailers, restaurants and other businesses. The Shopping Center is located in the heart of Friendswood and in close proximity to Alvin, League City and Pearland.



Ricky Anderson, TMSL Class of 1992 serves as one of the Honorary Chairs for the TSU School of Communications 5th Annual Dean's Stellar Communicators Awards and Scholarship Dance. The event is Friday, April 25, 2014 from 7:00 -11:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel near the Reliant.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrate the success and many accomplishments of the TMSL Externship Program, Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Clinical Studies program students, coaches, attorneys, supervisors, court personnel and placement personnel.

Mr. Peeples

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

1911 Bagby Street

Houston, TX 77004

5:00 – 7:00 pm

For more information contact Prudence Smith, Assistant Dean 713.313.1142 or email prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu



TLEC/NSF-CRCN is pleased to introduce to you the Keynote and Featured Speakers for the 2014 Annual International Trends in Evidence-Based Research Teaching and Learning Conference

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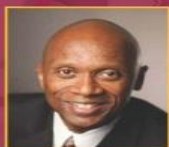
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Former U.S. Secretary of Education
Keynote Address



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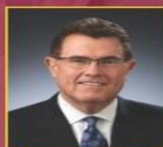
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Keynote Speaker
DR. ANTHONY MADDOX
Professor of Clinical Education and Engineering, University of Southern California
Pre-Conference STEM Workshop and Opening General Session



Closing Session Keynote Speaker
DR. REAGAN FLOWERS
C-STEM Teacher and Support Services, Inc. Founder and CEO and one of the recipients of the 2014 White House STEM Access Champions of Change Honorees



Leadership Institute Speaker
DR. TERRY GRIER
Houston ISD Superintendent



Leadership Institute Speaker
DR. LATONYA GOFFNEY
Lufkin ISD Superintendent

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OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS 2014 SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 2014

April 24th – 27th
Reading Period (No Classes)

April 28th – May 9th
Final Examinations

MAY 2014

May 9th
TMSL Hooding Ceremony
The Honorable Al Green, Speaker
Reception Following

Location: Bayou Music Center
520 Texas Ave.
Houston, TX 77002
Time: 6:30pm

May 10th
TSU/TMSL Commencement Ceremony

JUNE 2014

June 26th -27th
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Location: Hilton Austin
500 East 4th St.
Austin, Texas 78701

June 26th
State Bar of Texas – TMSL Alumni & Friends
Reception

Location: Hilton Austin
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

JULY 2014

July 26th – August 1st
NBA 89th Annual Convention & Exhibits

Location: The Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Peachtree Center Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

For more information go to: www.nationalbar.org

July 29th
NBA 89th Annual Convention
Alumni & Friends Reception – Absolute-ly Atlanta!
Co-Sponsored by: Houston Lawyers' Association,
Southern Law Center & NBA Region V

Location: The Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Time: 8:00 p.m. - Midnight

July 30th
NBA 89th Annual Convention
Alumni & Friends Breakfast
Location: The Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Peachtree Center Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Time: 7:00 am





APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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!



INSIDE THURGOOD NEWS REQUEST

Please submit your news, events and announcements in email text or word documents to Andreience Hines, Sr. Administrative Assistant of External Affairs by the 25th of the PRIOR month, anhines@tmslaw.tsu.edu. Please be brief, but ensure that important details and information are included.