



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Emeka Duruigbo's recent comments about the possibility of Nigeria's loss of crude oil market share to eager competitors such as Saudi Arabia and Iran were quoted by a reporter with oilprice.com, regarded as "the most popular energy news site in the world focusing on energy investing, new technology and oil geopolitics." The reporter, James

Burgess, published the article titled "Nigerian Outages Drag Total OPEC Production Down In May" in www.oilprice.com on June 1, 2016. The relevant portion of the article reads: "An oil expert and Professor of Law and Co-Director, Institute for International and Immigration Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, United States, Emeka Duruigbo, said, "There is a real struggle to acquire or maintain market share by existing or fully returning players, notably Iran and Saudi Arabia," oil expert and law professor Emeka Duruigbo told The Punch. "Any opening created by Nigeria's inability to meet its supply commitments is an invitation to these countries to exploit the gap and leverage their strengths. I would be deeply concerned if I were manning Nigeria's economic ship at the moment." See <http://oilprice.com/Energy/General/Nigerian-Outages-Drag-Total-OPEC-Production-Down-In-May.html>. The article was reproduced in The Huffington Post and Yahoo Finance on June 1, 2016 and can also be accessed at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/oilpricecom/nigerian-outages-drag-tot_b_10239722.html and

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/nigerian-outages-drag-total-opec-144650946.html> respectively.



Professor Tom Kleven was interviewed about his campaign for Congress on the Green Party's Greenwatch program on July 6. The interview is available at <https://vimeo.com/channels/greenwatch/174148906>.



Professor Ahunanya Anga's article, Legal Research in an Electronic Age: Electronic Data Discovery, A Litigation Albatross of Gigantic Proportions, 9 U.N.H. L. Rev. 1 (December 2010), was cited in the ESI Playbook published by the International Association of Defense

Counsel. The ESI Playbook is a special project of IADC's Drug, Device, and Biotechnology Committee. The ESI Playbook suggests some practical issues to consider as part of an organization's electronic information practice plan. Comprised of key considerations, checklists, and action items, the ESI Playbook draws upon leading e-discovery resources and publications to provide a concise, practical assembly of ESI issues to consider as part of an organization's overall plan.



Professor SpearIt has accepted an invitation to be a panelist on the Socio-Economics of Law School Pedagogy panel at the 2017 AALS Annual Conference, where he will discuss the pedagogical "costs" of diversity

in law school. His work was recently cited in the book, Prisoner Radicalization and Terrorism Detention Policy: Institutionalized Fear or Evidence-Based Policy Making? (2016), as well as "BlackLivesMatter Toolkit for Muslims," <http://founderscode.com/blacklivesmatter-toolkit-muslims/>, and was required reading for the University of the District of Columbia Law Review's 2016 Write-on competition.



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Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled *Raising the Bar in the Affirmative Action Debate: A Pragmatic Comment on Professor Richard H. Sander's Systematic Analysis of Affirmative Action in American Law Schools* Article, 15. *S. Cal. Rev. L. & Soc. Just.* 195, 224 (2006), was recently cited in *Rutgers Race & the Law Review* by Russell A. McClain, Law School Assistant Professor and Director, Academic Achievement Program, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Professor McClain's article is entitled *Helping Our Students Reach Their Full Potential: The Insidious Consequences of Ignoring Stereotype Threat*, 17 *Rutgers Race & L. Rev.* 1, 30 (2016). According to McClain's citation, Professor Weeden like Richard H. Sander (whose research is the subject of Professor Weeden's article) mention stereotype threat only in passing, but Professor Weeden discusses fully other valid criticisms of Sander's work.

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Also as part of the scholarship track at the 2016 LWI Biennial Conference, **Professor Katherine Vukadin** presented on "Legal Writing without Borders: How to Cultivate Your Second Teaching and Research Subject." Professor Vukadin's panel comments explained the benefits of exploring a second

research area and gave practical considerations for maintaining a core academic teaching area. Invited co-panelists included Mark Burge (Texas A&M University School of Law), Amanda Peters (Houston College of Law), and Neil Sobol (Texas A&M University School of Law).



Professor Craig Jackson published his latest blog post titled "The Interesting Case of the Notorious RGB (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)" on his blog, *A Progressive's View of Constitutional Matters*. This post discusses the "dust up" over Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's comments about Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. You may access this and

other blog posts by Professor Jackson at <http://aproggressivesview.blogspot.com/>.

Professor Craig Jackson delivered a lecture to the Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association in June for the association's summer CLE course titled: "Constitutional Law Update and the Supreme Court post Justice Scalia". Professor Jackson discussed and critiqued former Justice Scalia's Originalist theory of interpretation and analyzed the major cases that had been decided or were to be decided by the Court with the passing of Justice Scalia as an overriding theme relevant to the outcome of the major cases.



Associate Dean Cassandra Hill shared her insights on the book proposal submission process as part of the scholarship track at the 2016 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference in Portland, Oregon on Monday, July 10, 2016. The panel, "Playing to Win the Book Proposal Game: Getting Your Idea Noticed and Your Book Published," provided attendees with six manageable steps for approaching the submission process and Associate Dean Hill discussed publishers' proposal guidelines and market and competition research. Invited co-panelists (pictured here) included other book authors, Charles Calleros (Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law) and Christine Coughlin (Wake Forest University School of Law), and a publisher, Scott Sipe (Carolina Academic Press).



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Thurgood Faculty Attend Lutie Lytle Conference

The Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop hosted its 10th annual commemorative meeting at the place where it began, the University of Iowa College of Law, of which TMSL was a silver sponsor, joined by the University of Michigan and UC-Berkeley School of Law. Professor Thelma Harmon presented “Morality Disguised as Public Health.” Professor Ericka Kelsaw presented “Mental Illness is No Crime.” Professor Stephanie Smith Ledesma served as a panelist on a panel entitled, “So You Think You Want to Be an Administrator?,” alongside Associate Dean and Professor Tonya Brito (Wisconsin Law) and Jacquelyn Bridgeman, former dean and professor at Wyoming Law. Professor Shaundra Kellam Lewis presented her work-in-progress, forthcoming in Iowa Law Review and entitled “Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide.” Professor Asmara M. Tekle served as a panelist on a plenary session entitled, “Living Your Best Life,” along with Associate Dean and Professor Adrien K. Wing at Iowa College of Law and Professors Eboni Nelson of South Carolina School of Law and Trina Jones of Duke Law. Professor Tekle also presented, “Cycling and the City.”

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