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## ECI Celebrates its Legends and Leaders with a Reception and Portrait Unveiling

On May 8, 2015, the Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. (ECI) celebrated “The Earl Carl Institute’s Legends and Leaders” honoring five outstanding individuals who have shepherded the Institute through 22 years of service to Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and the greater community. The Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc. (ECI), a Thurgood Marshall School of Law affiliate founded in 1992 by Professor Marcia Johnson, hosted a reception, open house and portrait unveiling honoring its namesake, its Founder and Past Presidents.

The Institute was named in honor of Professor Earl Carl, a founding faculty member of the law school. Professor Carl, blind from an early age, graduated from Fisk University before going on to earn his law degree and master of law degree from Yale University Law School. He is a human symbol that people can accomplish whatever they are willing to despite all odds.



Jay Cummings, James Douglas, Marcia Johnson, Nina Carl, James Beard, Jr., & Robert Ford

In addition to ECI’s namesake, its current and past Presidents were honored which included (in order of service): Professor Marcia Johnson, Professor James W. Beard, Jr., Dr. Jay Cummings, Dr. Robert L. Ford and Distinguished Professor James M. Douglas. Honorees were presented with official portraits, produced by Provost & Associates, which will be prominently displayed at the Institute. As each honoree’s official portrait was unveiled they were simultaneously presented with an award to memorialize the occasion as well as their service to ECI.

ECI’s first President and Founder Marcia Johnson was also presented with the first “*Marcia Johnson Public Service Award*,” an award recognizing her enduring commitment and dedication to public service. Our vision is that future recipients of the annual award will be college students who demonstrate a similar commitment to public service.





## ECI Celebrates its Legends and Leaders with a Reception and Portrait Unveiling *Cont'd.*



ECI hosted well over 125 attendees including members of the TSU administration, several elected officials, a past and present member of the TSU Board of Regents and a host of supporters, family, and former Earl Carl Institute students. The event gave guests an unity to tour ECI's home location, meet and greet its staff and interact with various individuals that have made ECI what it is today. Cindy George of the Houston Chronicle presided over this prestigious event as Mistress of Ceremonies. Dean Dannye Holley, of Thurgood Marshall School of Law, gave welcoming remarks on behalf of the law school and Texas Southern University. In his opening remarks, he energetically noted that "...the Earl Carl

Institute is now 22 years old which means it recently reached the age of majority." These remarks drew laughter from the crowd and set the tone for a very memorable evening. and Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis.



Nina Carl, daughter of Earl Lawrence Carl, travelled from Georgia to accept the posthumous award on behalf of her father and shared thoughtful reflections on what life was like with her father. She also provided the Institute with rare photos depicting family life with Professor Carl. She said she felt overwhelmed with all of the work being done by the Institute and that her father would truly have been proud of the Institute's service to the community in his honor. She was presented with a resolution from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee. Additional awards and acknowledgements were graciously received by the Institute from U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Congressman Al Green, City of Houston's Mayor Annise Parker and Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis.



ECI Staff with Nina Carl  
& Asst. Dean of External Affairs Prudence Smith

Under the guidance of the outstanding individuals honored, the Institute has grown from one person, Professor Marcia Johnson, to our current five permanent staff, three contract staff, numerous student interns and scores of volunteers. ECI has grown significantly from its creation as a skills enhancement program for law students to an advocacy organization that trains students in research, writing, advocacy skills, leadership, office management, and problem solving. The Institute's past advocacy initiatives have included establishing the Institute for Trial Advocacy, the Drug Defense and Advocacy Clinic and the Center for Human and Civil Rights. The Institute's current advocacy initiatives includes three free legal clinics:

(1) the Opal Mitchell Lee Property Preservation Project (2) the ECI Juvenile Justice Project and (3) the Thurgood Marshall Law School Innocence Project. The Institute also undertakes policy advocacy through student and staff research and writing to identify and suggest solutions for legal and social issues disproportionately impacting minorities.



## ECI Celebrates its Legends and Leaders with a Reception and Portrait Unveiling *Cont'd.*



Now in its 22nd year, the Institute remains steadfast in its original goals of promoting student development through research and writing and to educating public policymakers and the community in a way that improves the quality of life throughout traditionally under represented communities, with the ultimate goal of contributing to positive change and increasing consciousness throughout the world. ECI is committed to increasing its reach by growing its programs.

ECI can only achieve its goals with the assistance of generous donations from members of our community. We ask you to consider a donation to our cause. For your convenience, donations can be made electronically by visiting our website home page at <http://www.tsulaw.edu/centers/ECI/index.html> or by visiting our office. We hope that you will help support our efforts. When you make your tax deductible donation you will receive an ECI commemorative t-shirt. Please indicate your t-shirt size at the time of your donation.

**For further information regarding this event, please contact Sarah R. Guidry, Executive Director of the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc., at [srguidry@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:srguidry@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or 713.313.1321.**



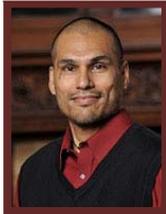


## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Visiting Andrew Jefferson Endowed Chair in Trial Advocacy Anthony Farley's** article in connection with a symposium that he organized entitled *Voting Rights in the Wake of Shelby County v. Holder*, is now out in print and was jointly published by the *Touro Journal of Race, Gender & Ethnicity* and the *Berkeley Journal of African American Law & Policy*. The article may be accessed at <http://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/jrge/vol7/iss1>.

**Professors Cassandra L. Hill, Lydia D. Johnson, SpearIt, and Katherine T. Vukadin, together with Instructor Mary Q. Kelly,** were honored on May 5, 2015, at the 2015 University Faculty Excellence Awards Luncheon.



**Professor and Associate Dean Asmara M. Tekle's** recently accepted paper, *Rectifying These Mean Streets: Percent-for-Art Ordinances, Street Furniture, and the New Streetscape*, was recently listed on two of SSRN's Top Ten download lists, one for the *Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art eJournal* and PRN: *Philosophy of the Arts:*

*Fields, Genres & Media*, and the other for the *Protected Lands Law & Policy eJournal*.



**Professor L. Darnell Weeden's** article entitled "*Historically Black Colleges Advance Reverse Academic Diversity*," 13 *N.Y. CITY L. REV.* 1, 5-8 (2009) was recently cited by **Tung Yin**, Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School in an article published in the *Asian American Law Journal* entitled, "Is *"Diversity" Diverse Enough?*", 21 *ASIAN AM. L.J.* 89, 92 (2014). Professor Yin made a reference to Professor Weeden's support of historically black colleges. According to Professor Yin, Weeden advances the argument that historically black colleges with predominantly black enrollment provide, among other things, an environment for white students to experience "nontraditional learning experiences that will broaden their cultural and intellectual exposure."

**Professor Craig Jackson** was cited favorably in a recent volume of the *Harvard Law Review* by Yale Law Professor, Heather Gerken. FN 115 reads as follows:



115 *United States v. Morrison*, 529 U.S. 598, 61 (2000). For an in-depth critique of this distinction, see Craig L. Jackson, *The Limiting Principle Strategy and Challenges to the New Deal Commerce Clause*, 15 *U. PA. J. CONST. L. II* (2012).



## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Our very own **Director of Administration Derrick Wilson** shed new life on creating a culture of giving back to our students and University by delivering a powerful keynote address at the Texas Southern University President's Leadership Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, April 29th inside the Window Box Room at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Houston. As a two-time, President's Leadership Scholarship - Platinum Level donor, Mr. Wilson seamlessly emulates the true essence of giving back in a major way to ensure the greatest educational opportunities for our students.





## 2015 TMSL Faculty and Staff: A “One in a Million” Winning Combination for Building a Culture of Giving Back...And, Giving Back is a Great Thing!



The Texas Southern University administration, along with the leadership of the **2015 Texas Southern University Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Campaign** encouraged participation by all faculty and staff campus-wide in their giving, from March 24 – April 27, 2015, to raise much-needed dollars to support student scholarship offerings and program enhancements on campus. This year’s overall campaign strategy was to raise at a minimum \$243,000 to reach a total of \$1,000,000 raised in its entirety for the Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Campaign over the past 5 years. Throughout this short-term campaign, several events were held to acknowledge donor participation and track fundraising progress amongst faculty and staff, including:

**The Leadership Reception** held in the TSU President’s Lounge inside the TSU Sterling Student Life Center on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Our very own assistant deans, **Prudence Smith and Susan Bynam** served on the Leadership Reception Committee to help make the event an astounding success. At the reception, faculty, staff and administrators campus-wide were recognized for setting the bar with their leadership gifts or pledges of \$1,000 or more including our very own **Dean Dannye Holley; Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Gabriel Aitsebaomo; Distinguished Professor James Douglas; Professor Constance Fain and Dr. Herbert Fain; Professor Craig Jackson, Professor Anna James; Professor Marcia Johnson and Dr. Lockett Johnson, Professor & Director of Law Library DeCarlous Spearman, Assistant Dean Prudence Smith, Assistant Dean**

**Susan Bynam, and Director of Administration Derrick Wilson. The Kick-Off Celebration**, held on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and sponsored by the efforts of the **TSU Staff Council** under the leadership of our very own **TMSL Director of Administration Derrick Wilson**, provided a jumpstart to the Campaign with an afternoon of barbecue, catfish, music, fun and festive giving; **The Mid-Campaign Breakfast** on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, in which all academic and departmental units gave up-to-date reports on their fundraising progress, **with TMSL being the college on campus to have raised the largest, single gift by this point**; and the culminating event, **The Victory Celebration on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, in which fundraising totals for each area on campus were highlighted and various awards were extended to the Campaign Ambassadors for their fundraising achievement.

**Well, with TMSL’s support, we did it! The Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Campaign surpassed its goal by raising \$245,446 this year and \$1,003,446 over a 5 year period!**



**Additionally, by the generosity of TMSL faculty and staff, the law school not only reached its goal of \$20,100, but surpassed it with gifts and pledges totaling \$48,840!** TMSL received the **2015 Top Investment Award Trophy** for the law school coming in **second place** (to the TSU College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences) in fundraising dollars for the Campaign. Per Dean Bynam, “I am most proud of the giving commitments made by a number of our faculty and staff. We are truly a ‘one in a million’ winning combination for giving back to TSU/TMSL.



## STUDENT NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO TMSL 2015 GRADUATES



Friday, May 15, 2015, Thurgood Marshall School of Law proudly hooded the members of the TMSL Class of 2015. **Assistant Dean, Virgie L. Mouton** acknowledged our guest and presented a special recognition to the TMSL Alumnae of the Year, **The Honorable Alice Bonner** and **Mrs. Naomi Cox Andrews**. Mrs. Andrews delivered an inspiring message to the graduates and truly represented the alumni well.

**Dean Danye Holley, Valetictorian, Olivia Haigler, and Professor Ana Otero** gave reflections, but it was the special recognition that Olivia Haigler and the class of 2015 gave to past Career Coordinator, **Mrs. Andreus Boise Fontenot**, that wowed the crowd

when so many members of the class stood in appreciation and gratitude of her hard work and sheer dedication to their class.

The hooding speaker was **Sandra Phillips, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer for Toyota Motor North America**. Her words of wisdom were truly an inspiration to both the graduates and attendees.

This year, the TSU alma mater was sung by 3L students **Alexandria Salas** and **Rachael Aminu**. They delivered a beautiful harmonic version of our alma mater.





## STUDENT NEWS

### ~THE CLASS OF 2015 HONOR GRADUATES~

#### SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Haigler, Olivia  
Mendoza, Ignacio

Cantu, Roberto  
Fogle, Kaylie  
McWhinney, Alexia  
Miskell, Stewanna  
Pasillas, Claudia  
Perkins, Lacreacia

#### *VALEDICTORIAN SALUTATORIAN*

Self, Christopher  
Ramirez, Vanessa  
Wesche, Breanne  
Williams, Darrell  
Wilson, Reginald

#### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Aguilera, Linda  
Ali, Noor  
Armstrong, Shundrelle  
Castillo, Erica  
Delgado, Ricco  
Goussen, Vanessa  
Hoang, Bao-Long  
Ishak, Monica  
Le, Nga

Lewis, Kendrack  
Morales, Sandra  
Moran, Andrea  
Quander, Erin  
Rios, Jose  
Rocio, Ebonie  
Hernandez, Debbie  
Vickers, Devin

#### CUM LAUDE

Aiken, Aaron  
Arbour, Blanca  
Boyd, Tyler  
Brooks, Scott  
Calvillo, Juan  
Campos, Alonzo  
Caraway, David  
Darrett, Gregnecia  
Ellis, Gavin  
Galvan, Aaron  
Griffin, Delayna

Hawkins, Amanda  
Lee, Amanda  
Longmiles, Leticia  
Munoz, Melissa  
Okonji, John  
Perez, Enriqueta  
Poyser, Sharlene  
Shah, Shantia  
Thomas, Tiffany  
Torrence, Philesha



## ~THE 2015 GRADUATES~

Names on this program do not constitute the official list of graduates.  
Graduation is subject to completion of all requirements

Adalumo, Yewande F	Glaze, Samuel M.	Olivas, Jimmy
Aguilera, Linda J.	Goussen, Vanessa M.	Owens, Marcell L.
Aguirre, Anselmo P.	Gray, Julius J.	Pasillas, Claudia
Aiken, Aaron G.	Griffin, Delayna M.	Patton, Cyrus L.
Al-Hakeem, Rosanna I.	Guajardo, Kimberly Nicole	Pena, Rachael A.
Ali, Noor	Haigler, Olivia A.	Pender, Bailee Y.
Aminu, Rachael T.	Hawkins, Amanda M.	Perez, Enriqueta A.
Anderson, Thelma M.	Hernandez, Debbie	Perkins, Lacreia Lachelle
Andrews, Adam R.	Hernandez, Kisca	Poyser, Sharlene A.
Aqrawi, Walat	Hill, Teegan J.	Prise, Kevin T.
Arbour, Blanca L.	Hoang, Bao-Long N.	Quander, Erin
Armstrong, Shundrelle	Hogan, Nicoya R.M.	Ramirez, Vanessa
Arnwine, Kirstyn K.	Holmes, Shauntal	Rios, Jose L.
Asea, Edwina	Hughes, Jennipher A.	Rivera, Delia C.
Asemota, Osaguona O.	Hynes, Anthony Jules	Roberts, April L.
Ashegbeyeri, Helen O.	Ishak, Monica	Rocio, Ebonie R.
Atchison, Andrew	James, Alton	Rodriguez, Lina M.
Auzenne, Jaleesa F.	Joy, Laura M.	Saenz, Marcela Renee
Baskin, Nashunda C.	Kaur, Harmeeet	Salas, Alexandria N.
Battle, LaTrice Shanelle	Kellerman, Cecil A.	Sanchez, Vivian C.
Baxter, Kyla N.	Kelly, Jillian Carnes	Self, Christopher Randall
Boyd, Tyler D.	Khan, Sahrish	Shah, Shantia
Bradley, Kendrick E.	Le, Nga N.	Shanklin, Mia J.
Brock, Charles R.	Lee, Amanda	Shanklin, Cervana J.
Brooks, Scott M	Lewis, Kendrack D.	Sharma, Anjali
Brown, Porscha	Lewis, Brent	Simon, Selestine Carol
Bryant, Marquise T.	Longmiles, Leticia L.	Soto, Marcos
Calvillo, Juan C.	Marionneaux, Todd A.	Spano, Jessica
Campos, Alonzo	Martinez, Alyson A.	Speight, Renee K.
Cantu, Roberto O.	Martinez, Consuelito	Spires, Alzadia
Cantu, David R.	Marzak, Matthew M.	Taylor, Crystal Banks
Caraway, David Ray	Mcdaniel, Kemberly D.	Tesfaselassie, Nahom
Castillo, Erica A.	McDonald, Pharra K.	Thach, Phat-Minh N.
Clark, Gabriel S.	Mcdonald, Brian O.	Thomas, Tiffany L.
Cowart, Larandol	McWhinney, Alexia H.	Tillis, Iciss R.
Crawford, Jennifer A.	Mendoza, Ignacio	Torrence, Philesa H.
Darrett, Gregnecia J.	Menjivar, Maritza C.	Urbina, Larry B.
Davenport, Brandon C.	Miles, Sarah A.	Vasquez, Celia M.
Dawkins, Mikeyia L.	Miller, Charles J.	Vasquez, Theresa
De Leon, Juan C.	Miskell, Stewanna	Vera, Leslie
Delgado, Ricco D.	Morales, Sandra C.	Vessel, Sabrina J.
Deville, Amber Simone	Moran, Andrea	Vickers, Devin
Duenas, Bianca	Morris, Brittanee	Washington, Cecily M.
Ellis, Gavin Brooks	Munoz, Melissa	Wesche, Breanne N.
Elumogo, Milesha N.	Nasser, Jennifer D.	Williams, Darrell E.
Ezirike, Chigozie N.	Ng, Caroline M.	Williams, Leslie M.
Fernandez, Tanya	Nguyen, Vu Anh	Wilson, Reginald D.
Fogle, Kaylie S.	Nicewonder, Angela	Wingate, Bailey G.
Galvan, Aaron	Noh, Esther S.	Wright, William J.
Garza, Ana K.	Noruwa, Sonya D.	Yates, Phillip J.
George, Gabrielle	Okonji, John O.	



## STUDENT NEWS MY STORY



<b>Your Name:</b>	Cervana Shanklin
<b>TMSL Graduating Class of:</b>	Class of 2015
<b>Place You Call Home:</b>	St. Louis, Missouri
<b>Undergraduate Institution:</b>	University of the Central Florida
<b>Your undergraduate major:</b>	Legal Studies, BA
<b>Name of Graduate School:</b>	Webster University
<b>Graduate Degree:</b>	(Masters of Arts in Legal Studies)

### **What Jobs/Internships/Externships have you obtained while at TMSL?:**

The job I have obtained here at TMSL is Graduate Assistant. I also got an opportunity to intern for Stanley Tate III an alumni of TMSL. I am also currently a student mediator for the Legal Clinic.

### **What awards, scholarships, organizations, or extracurricular activities have you been involved with while attending TMSL?**

The organizations I been involved in are Student Ambassadors (Vice President), National Black Law Students Association (Vice President), Phi Alpha Delta (Marshall), Women of Law (Charter Member), 3L Board Co-Fundraiser Chair, Hispanic Law Student Association, and Sports and Entertainment Law Society.

### **What community service or pro bono activities have you been involved with while attending TMSL?**

I have volunteer with the Houston Food Bank. Collected can goods and blankets for the homeless and donated clothes to the women shelters

### **YOUR STORY: (In one or two paragraphs tell why you decided to enroll in law school and why you decided to attend TMSL. Also discuss your career plans and/or employment opportunities upon graduation law school).**

Since I was eight years old, I always wanted to become an attorney and I knew I wanted to attend Thurgood Marshall School of Law. At the tender age of eight, I won my first case, by stating that my cousin was practicing being a chemical engineer and the explosion was a mere accident. He was incorporating his passion into everyday life; however, that passion did come with some consequences. As I talked to the jury which consisted of my mother, grandmother, another aunt and uncle, I hoped that they would be merciful. The jury deliberated our punishment, and I was quite surprised that we only got a life sentence of never staying in the house with each other without parental consent and of helping to fix what we had broken. After my court debut I sought out more information about being a lawyer. I talked to countless attorneys about becoming a family lawyer, and they told me that it was a very hard field in which one’s morals play an important role. I became more interested in family law when I had a mock paternity case in Legal Writing about Pocahontas Powhatan and John Smith. In this case I represented John Smith and worked numerous hours trying to figure out how much money he would have to pay for child support and if he could put the money in a trust account. I learned family law takes patience and understanding, and that it is also fascinating because it reflects the nature of what a basic family unit is. What has impacted me the most about family law is that it is constantly transforming.

I am convinced that my path is to become a family attorney and Mediator to help make others’ lives better. I started on this career path representing a member of my family. Someday I hope to represent others and their families. One day, I hope to get the opportunity to become a judge. I believe that is where I can make my career have the greatest benefit to society. Upon graduation, I would like to work at a firm that handles mediation cases.



## TMSL FEBRUARY BAR RESULTS IMPROVE

The Texas Board of Law Examiners released the results from the February 2015 bar exam and we are pleased to announce that the first time pass rate for examinees who attended Thurgood Marshall School of Law is 63.64%. This first time bar passage percentage was slightly better than our first time performance for both the February and July 2014 Texas Bar Exams. TMSL was one of only two Texas law schools to improve its first time bar passage rate from the rate achieved in February 2014. Our first time rate was also very close to that achieved by first-time takers from all other ABA accredited law schools. Unfortunately, we saw a sharp decline in pass rate for our repeat takers, and as a result we have increased our out-reach efforts to all of our graduates.

Our successful bar examinees for February 2015 are:

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|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Walat Aqrawi</b>    | <b>Kia Fleurinord</b>  | <b>Sarah Miles</b>          | <b>Michelanie Rayford</b>  |
| <b>Richard Arowolo</b> | <b>Olivia Haigler</b>  | <b>Jana Mims</b>            | <b>April Roberts</b>       |
| <b>Rahan Atia</b>      | <b>Raneca Henson</b>   | <b>Vu Nguyen</b>            | <b>Zafar Tahir</b>         |
| <b>Tyler Boyd</b>      | <b>James Hernandez</b> | <b>Angela Nicewonder</b>    | <b>Bryan Terhune</b>       |
| <b>Roberto Cantu</b>   | <b>Katherine Jones</b> | <b>Esther Noh</b>           | <b>James Twine</b>         |
| <b>Matthew Cherry</b>  | <b>Patrick Lane</b>    | <b>Kandyce Palamarchuck</b> | <b>Juan Vela</b>           |
| <b>Eduardo Davila</b>  | <b>Nga Le</b>          | <b>Cesar Palma</b>          | <b>Jonathan Viray (NY)</b> |
|                        |                        |                             | <b>Bailey Wingate</b>      |

Please join Dean Dannye Holley, Assistant Dean Marsha Griggs and the TMSL family in congratulating all of our students and alumni on their bar exam success!

## TMSL LOOKING FOR BAR COACHES MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT DEAN MARSHA GRIGGS

Academic Support is looking for a select number of TMSL alumni to assist our bar passage efforts by serving as bar coaches to our July 2015 bar takers. Please contact Dean Griggs if you are willing to serve. The time commitment can be minimal. Ideally the coaches will reach out to their assigned advisees via e-mail and make themselves available to offer support and encouragement or lead the prospective examinee to answers to their study questions.

Together we can reach new milestones in bar outcomes.



## ALUMNI NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

### Ruben Perez Fights Against Sex Trafficking



TMSL alum, **Ruben Perez** (class of 1980) was quoted in the April 30, 2015 issue of the *Houston Chronicle*. In the article entitled, “Houston Women Convicted in Sex Trafficking Case,” U.S. Attorney-Human Trafficking Division, Ruben Perez stated that “It’s just heart-wrenching” when discussing the “horrific stories” of human trafficking.

### Anthony Robinson: TMSL’s Exonoree

TMSL alum, **Anthony Robinson** (class of 2004) was featured in the online ABA Journal publication. The article entitled “Anthony Robinson: Released but not relieved,” can be found at [http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/anthony\\_robinson\\_released\\_but\\_not\\_relieved](http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/anthony_robinson_released_but_not_relieved). The article gives an in depth story of Robinson’s life both before his incarceration and after law school.





## ALUMNI NEWS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

### Stanley Love Tate, III Student Debt Lawyer

TMSL alum, **Stanley Tate** (class of 2013) has positioned himself as the “Student Loan Lawyer.” Tate published a book entitled *Made Plain A Simple Guide to Repaying Your Student Loans* that can be purchased on amazon.com. His book includes student loan information with fillable pdfs for income-driven-repayment, public service loan forgiveness, and much more. Tate currently practices in St. Louis, MO.



### Toni Jackson Keynote Speaker

TMSL alumni association president, **Antoinette “Toni” Jackson** served as the keynote speaker for First Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. John E. Fields’ Mother’s Day service.





## UPCOMING EVENTS



### State Bar of Texas ~ TMSL Alumni & Friends Reception

Thursday, June 18, 2015

*Grand Hyatt San Antonio*

*600 E. Market St.*

*San Antonio, TX 78205*

**5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

For more information and to RSVP please call 713.313.1197 or email [anhines@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:anhines@tmslaw.tsu.edu)

### Texas Southern University ~ Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the Hooks

## Corpus Christi Alumni Cultivation Event

### *Save the Date*

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**734 E. Port Ave.**

**Corpus Christi, TX 78401**



For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Office of External Affairs at 713.313.1197  
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## UPCOMING EVENT

# Class of 1995 20 year Reunion July 10-11, 2015



## Save the Date

*Friday, July 10, 2015*

Reception

Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
3100 Cleburne St., Houston, TX 77004  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

*Saturday, July 11, 2015*

Dinner at Eddie V's at The City Centre  
(I-10 and Beltway 8)  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Please scan and send photos of us during law school as well as current photos of you with your family, classmates, at work or on vacation to Trina Perkins Mouton at [attorneyperkins@yahoo.com](mailto:attorneyperkins@yahoo.com)

RSVP Required. Contact Angela Matthews, Chairperson- [msangelaesq@hotmail.com](mailto:msangelaesq@hotmail.com)

Host Committee: Michelle Beck, Tonya Holt, Melvin Houston, Scott Mitchell, Trina Perkins Mouton, Leroy Simmons and DeCarious Spearman



## UPCOMING EVENT

*Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Region V, Southern University  
Law Center and Houston Lawyers Association Present  
Hennessy in Hollywood: Sips and Stogies*

*Save the Date*

**HOLLYWOOD**

Tuesday, July 21, 2015  
8:00 p.m.—11:30 p.m.

Location TBD

The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, Los Angeles  
404 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, California 90071

For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Office of External Affairs at 713.313.1197  
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**Texas Southern University ~ Thurgood Marshall School of Law**

**NBA 90th Annual Convention TMSL Alumni & Friends Breakfast**

*Save the Date*

**Wednesday, July 22, 2015**

**7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.**

**The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites, Los Angeles  
404 South Figueroa Street, 35 Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90071**

For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Office of External Affairs at 713.313.1197  
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**Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law Presents:**

## ***Charter School Board Training: Charter School Law and Legal Mandates***

*A three day training for Charter School Boards and Administrators*



**Friday, June 5th: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Friday, June 12th: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Friday, June 26th: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
3100 Cleburne Street  
Houston, Texas 77004  
Dean's Conference Room #227**

**Cost: \$100.00/day**

**MCLE Credit: 10.00 HRS./ Ethics: 2.00 HRS.**

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law is an accredited sponsor approved by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE and is a TEA Registered training provider



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*Thurgood Marshall School of Law*



*Pappadeau*  
*Oak Lawn*  
3520 Oak Lawn Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75219

For more information, please  
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Friday, October 9, 2015

TIME

12:00 p.m.—4:00 pm

COST

\$100.00 attorneys;

\$30.00 gov't attorneys and  
non-profit attorneys

Free: non-attorneys

MCLE: 4.0~Ethics: 1.0

Register and Pay Online: [www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmsleventregistration) or Pay on-site

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### Save the Date

## Death Penalty Practicum: Revisiting the Death Penalty 40 Years after *Jurek*

**Lunch Speaker: Sister Helen Prejean**  
**Author of *Dead Man Walking***

Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
3100 Cleburne St.  
Houston, TX 77004  
Room 105-107

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Attorney Cost: \$100.00

Gov't Attorneys & Non-profit Attorneys: \$20.00

MCLE: 6.00 Hrs. ~ Ethics: 1.00 Hr.



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## OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### JUNE 2015

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

**State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting**

Location: San Antonio, Texas

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Alumni & Friends Reception**

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Corpus Christi Area Alumni Cultivation Event**

Location: The Hooks @ Whataburger Field

Time: 6:30 p.m.

### JULY 2015

**July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Class of 1995 20 Year Reunion – Houston, TX**

Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>

**Reception**

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner at Eddie V's at the City Centre**

(I-10 and Beltway 8)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP required. Contact Angela Matthews  
msangelaedq@hotmail.com

**July 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

**NBA 90th Annual Convention & Exhibits**

Location: Los Angeles, California

For more information go to: [www.nationalbar.org](http://www.nationalbar.org)

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**NBA 90th Annual Convention**

**Reception "Hennessy In Hollywood: Sips & Stogies"**

**Co-Sponsored by: Houston Lawyers' Association & Region V**

Location: Los Angeles, California

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**July 22<sup>rd</sup>**

**NBA 90th Annual Convention**

**Alumni & Friends Breakfast**

Location: Los Angeles, California

Time: 7:00 a.m.



## May Birthdays



<b>Rita Johnson</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>DeCarlous Spearman</b>	<b>12th</b>
<b>Peter Marchetti</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Lucinda Daniels</b>	<b>31st</b>



### 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!



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