



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor April Walker was elected the new general counsel for the Texas Southern University Faculty Senate effective October 2016. As a member of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law faculty since 2004, and an experienced counselor at law she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience.

rights concerns. Lastly, during this same visit, Professor Colon taught a mini-course on American immigration law and another on the use of technology in the law school classroom.



Professor Fernando Colon-Navarro co-authored an article in the book *Novos Direitos Privados* titled *Direito Internacional, Imigracao, Vulnerabilidade e Reconhecimento*. This article is a comparative study of immigration law in Brazil and the United States. For publication, this article was published in Portuguese.



Professor SpearIt recently published *Growing Support for Restoring Pell Grants to Prisoners*, 22 *Corrections Managers' Report* 37 (2016) and "Trump Cries, Media Wolves" on 10/31/16, <http://theislamicmonthly.com/trump-cries-media-wolves/>. On 10/28, he presented on a panel entitled,

"Communities Policing: How Communities Monitor Law Enforcement," at Villanova University School of Law Shachoy Symposium, and on 11/16 he presented "How Prisons Underdevelop Latino Communities," sponsored by HLSA. He and Professor Stephanie Ledesma were recently cited in the book, *Management Education: Fragments of an Emancipatory Theory* (Springer International Publishing 2016).

In addition, Professor Colon and his mentoring work with TMSL students was spotlighted in the *Houston Lawyer* (Volume 54, Number 2, September/October 2016). This issue focused on the importance of mentorship and highlighted those lawyers who are making a difference in the legal profession. In the article, Judge Josefina M. Rendón shared Professor Colon's background and his work with the summer program in Puerto Rico and discussed the special attention, mentoring and instruction Professor Colon provides to TMSL students. You may read the entire article (found on pages 30-31) at the following link: https://issuu.com/leosur/docs/thl_septoct16/1. Professor Colon also visited the Federal University of Ouro Preto in Brazil and met with professors and students in the university's new Master's Program. In this program, students research cultural diversity and new systems of justice. Professor Colon spoke to the group about Thurgood Marshall School of Law's experience with the LL.M. program in Immigration and Naturalization Law, diversity issues, and immigration and human



Professor L. Darnell Weeden participated in the Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series, on Wednesday October 5, 2016, by discussing his recent article entitled "In *Fisher v. University of Texas*, Derrick Bell's Interest Convergence Theory is on a Collision Course with the Viewpoint Diversity Rationale in Higher Education", 2016 *Utah L. Rev. OnLaw* 101. According to Professor Weeden, his article's contention that Professor Bell's view of interest convergence in the context of diversity and higher education did not give enough deference to the collaborative elements of interest convergence, generated some very productive intellectual dialogue with his colleagues.