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## TMSL Faculty Making the Most of Summer 2017

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**H**ouston weather is on fire with the blazing summer heat and our law school faculty is no exception. **Roberson King Professor of Law L. Darnell Weeden** accepted an invitation to speak at the University of Mississippi, Meek School of Journalism and New Media from Will Norton, Jr., professor and dean of the school. Weeden, a graduate of the school's journalism department and the University of Mississippi School of Law, recently gave a lecture to the digital media diversity journalism class headed by Mark K. Dolan, associate professor of journalism.

Weeden's lecture was based on selections from his published scholarship including:

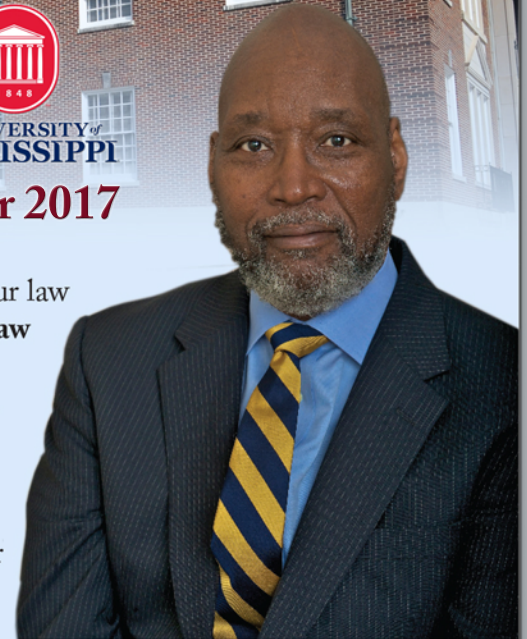
- An historical attempt to restrict the freedom of association of members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at the start of the civil rights movement by Southern white public officials in the 1950's and early 60's;
- Hurricane Katrina: First Amendment Censorship and the News Media;
- Standing and Speaking Constitutional Truth to Local Power Regarding Undocumented Immigrant Residents Dwelling with We the People of the United States;
- It is Not Right Under the Constitution to Stop and Frisk Minority People Because They Don't Look Right

Weeden's presentation challenged students to never forget that digital media journalists have an ethical obligation to provide fair and balanced coverage on constitutional and social issues such as the civil rights of underrepresented racial minorities; undocumented immigrants; and even the treatment of those less fortunate during a massive natural disaster.

Each of his discussion topics supported the digital media diversity class' goal of exploring how historically voiceless people emerge and are portrayed in the media.



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