

THURGOOD FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

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Professor SpearIt recently published “[Thinking about Trump’s ‘Wall’ through Pink Floyd’s](https://www.theislamicmonthly.com/thinking-about-trumps-wall-through-pink-floyds/),” in The Islamic Monthly (11/29/18), <https://www.theislamicmonthly.com/thinking-about-trumps-wall-through-pink-floyds/>. A number of academic works recently cited to SpearIt’s scholarship, including books such as Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration (The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press 2019); Inmate Radicalisation and Recruitment in Prisons (Routledge 2019); Redefining Child Pornography Law (The University of Michigan Press 2019). Other citations include Expanding Quality Higher Education for Currently and Formerly Incarcerated People, ASHE-NITE Paper Series (2018), <https://www.indiana.edu/~cece/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Expanding-Quality-Higher-Ed-FINAL-11.26.pdf>; British and Lebanese Prisons: Are they Fertile Breeding Ground for Terrorism?, 11 J. Strategic Security 79 (2018); “How Islam Spread Throughout the World” (12/14/18), <https://yaqeeninstitute.org/en/hassam-munir/how-islam-spread-throughout-the-world/>. Moreover, SpearIt will participate in the American Constitution Society’s 2019 Program Guide as a suggested speaker on progressive policing, and his book, American Prisons is required reading at Hartford Seminary for the course, “Prison Ministry: Healing from the Inside Out” (Winter 2018), <https://www.hartsem.edu/wp-content/uploads/Jan-2019-B.Ansari.AM-659-Syllabus.pdf>.

Associate Dean L. Darnell Weeden recently accepted an offer from the Appalachian Journal of Law to publish his article entitled “A Functional Free Exercise Clause Analysis Requires a State to Prove a Compelling Interest before Interfering with an Individual’s Faith Based Same Sex Marriage Participation Objections.” The primary issue considered by Weeden is whether the First Amendment should require a state to demonstrate a compelling state interest before it is allowed to substantially interfere with an individual’s free exercise marriage participation rights? The Appalachian Journal of Law is published by The Appalachian School of Law which is located in Grundy, Virginia.



Professor Marcia Johnson has accepted the invitation from Texas Southern University President Austin Lane to serve as the leader in a plan that helps to achieve the university’s work in an urban community. The plan includes the Urban Research and Resource Center (URRC) which was established in January 2017 and received notice of partial funding in October 2017. According to Johnson, Director of URRC, the URRC has five focal points: (1) Public Education reform, (2) criminal justice reform, (3) the history of African Americans in Houston, (4) Community and Economic Development and (5) Community Resources. In Public Education, the URRC has launched a collaboration with various TSU and outside education experts to develop an academic excellence model for urban education. Its first focus is K-12. The URRC has declared 2019 as the Year of Criminal Justice Reform in an effort to confront and help solve many areas of criminal system injustice particularly as it relates to the urban community. Through work with various partners, Johnson has led efforts for the URRC to garner commitments from Houston-area community organizations, educational entities, faith-based institutions and activists/leaders of all stripes, to advance the year-long movement that seeks to impact the lives of Houston-area residents in profoundly positive ways for years to come.

The History of African Americans in Houston is aimed at telling the story of the accomplishments of African Americans in Houston. The URRC's community and economic development plan includes work with The Thurgood Marshall School of Law and a local entrepreneur to establish the TSU Institute for Economic and Entrepreneurial Revitalization (TIEER), a non-profit subsidiary of URRC. The goal of the TIEER program is to enhance wealth building in the African American community through entrepreneurship. URRC is also working with a local community development corporation to provide low income housing in north Houston. URRC plans to publish a series of searchable community resource guides with a focus on the Third ward, Fifth ward, Acres Homes, and Sunnyside. These resource guides will also be available on the URRC web page. Johnson assist students' campus wide to participate in all research and writing projects. For more information on the URRC, its work and how you can participate, please contact the URRC Office Manager Ms. Andreience Fields at 713-313-4858 or Andreience.fields@tsu.edu or visit URRC.tsu.edu.

Thurgood Faculty Spotlight REVEALS

TMSL SPRING FACULTY LECTURE SERIES

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Presentations are on Wednesdays 12-12:50 pm in the Dean's Conference Room at TMSL unless otherwise noted.

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1/23/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Martina E. Cartwright, Associate Professor of Law-Clinic
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

"Generally Dealing with the Rights of Wards Under State Guardianship Programs; Emerging Trends"

1/30/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Thelma L. Harmon, Associate Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Education
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

"When the Law is Not Moral"

2/6/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Peter Marchetti, Assistant Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

"Regulation of for Profit Law Schools"

2/13/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Okezie Chukwumerije, Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"U.S. Trade Policy Under Trump"

2/20/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Martin L. Levy, Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Impeachment, From Barbara to Trump"

2/27/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Craig L. Jackson, Professor of Law,
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"The Latest Trump News & The

Constitution"

3/6/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Lydia Johnson, Associate Professor of Law-Clinic
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

"Sex & the Senior Citizen—Can Alzheimer's Patients & the Me Too Movement Coexist?"

3/20/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Demetria Frank, Assistant Professor of Law
University of Memphis

"Untangling Lochner"

3/27/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Constance Fain, Earl Carl Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

"Legal Malpractice"

4/3/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Vy Nguyen, Adjunct Law Professor
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Immigration"

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4/10/19



Faculty Lecture Series
Stephanie Ledesma, Associate
Professor of Law
and Associate Dean for Experiential
Learning Program
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Experiential Learning"

4/17/19



Faculty Research Series
Manuel D. Leal, Professor of Law
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
"Federal Courts"

Please send any announcements you would like to include in the next Thurgood Faculty Spotlight to Ms. Toyann Timmons (Toyann.Timmons@tmslw.tsu.edu) and Dean Weeden (Larry.Weeden@tmslw.tsu.edu) by 5p.m. Friday, January 25, 2019.



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L. DARNELL WEEDEN, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH, IS THE EDITOR OF THURGOOD FACULTY SPOTLIGHT