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Ahunanya U. Anga Professor of Law



Cassandra Hill Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development & Professor of Law



Maurice Hew, Jr. Professor of Law



Shaundra Lewis Associate Professor of Law (Tenured)

April Walker Professor of Law

Congratulations to the following Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law faculty on their recent promotions, effective September 1, 2016. Full Bios of each faculty member can be found at http://www.tsulaw.edu/faculty/index.html.

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Associate Dean Cassandra Hill was appointed to serve as a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar's Conferences and Programming Committee. This appointment was effective August 9, 2016, and is for a two-year term (which can be renewed in 2018). Along with other duties, the committee identifies topics for new Section conferences and other educational programs and webinars in order to meet the changing needs and interests of the Section's membership. It will also identify opportunities to repurpose program content, review co-sponsorship opportunities with other ABA and non-ABA entities.

Professor SpearIt has accepted an offer to publish an article in the *Corrections Managers' Report*, detailing the American Bar Association's efforts to implement Pell grant policy for prisoners. Also, on September 9th, he spoke at Houston College of Law, where gave a pedagogy workshop on legal document-drafting in a doctrinal course. Additionally, Professor SpearIt's work was cited in a 2016 report, *Meeting the Needs of the 9/11 Generation*, <u>http://www.ispu.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/</u> Gen_911_NewMuslimYouth.pdf and David W. Frank, *A betting Mass Prison Escape: A Defense*, 6 U. Miami Race & Soc. Just. L. Rev. 139 (2016). Lastly, on September 6th, Professor SpearIt published *Exorcizing Trump: Time's up for Religious Leaders*, <u>http://www.huffingtonpost.com/spearit/exorcizing-trump-times-up b_11868458.html</u>, and *Trump Stabs Supporters with Kaepernick*, <u>http://</u> www.huffingtonpost.com/spearit/trump-stabs-supporters-wi_b_11868484.html? at Huffington Post.





Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled, "Justice Alito and the Issue of Racial Discrimination: From Racial Segregation to Racial Diversity", <u>33</u> S.U. L. REV. <u>469</u>, <u>482-84</u> (2006), was recently cited in the 2016 CARDOZO L. REV. DE NOVO 40, 44 in a student note by Shirley W. Bi entitled, "Race-Based Reverse Employment Discrimination Claims: A Combination Of Factors To The Prima Facie Case For Caucasian Plaintiffs". Professor Weeden's article was cited for giving the advice that Title VII prohibits employers from discriminating against employees based on race.

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On September 21 and 22, 2016, the law school hosted its **Scholarin-Residence César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández**, Assistant Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and author of *Crimmigration Law* (published by the American Bar Association in 2015).





During Professor García Hernández's two-day visit, he presented his research on abolishing immigration prisons to a crowd of students, faculty and community members and gave an overview of crimmigration law to faculty.

Additionally, Professor García Hernández met with student members of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race and Justice and gave a guest lecture as part of the law school's inaugural LL.M. in Immigration and Naturalization Law.







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TMSL Professor Ana Otero on News 88.7 FM



Professor Ana Otero, an expert on death penalty practicum, explored the death penalty study, the Fair Punishment Project findings, including Harris County's designation as an outlier death penalty county. Joining Otero in conversation was Jeff Newberry, supervising legal clinic attorney with the University of Houston Law Center, Texas Innocence Network.

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