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TMSL Dean, Joan R.M. Bullock



Miss TMSL—Alexis Okonkwo
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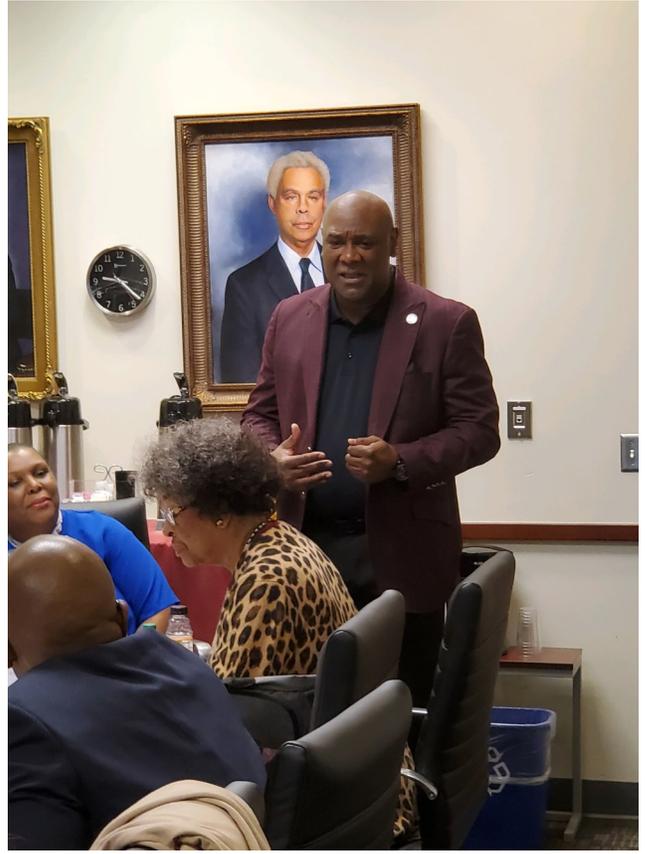
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2019 Homecoming Annual Fall Alumni Board Meeting





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FACULTY NEWS



Professor Thomas Kleven presented his paper at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law fall 2019 Faculty Lecture Series entitled, Whither Democracy: Toward a More Democratic and Just America on October 2, 2019. The impetus for writing the paper is Kleven's belief that democracy is in jeopardy, and that to save it we need a public dialogue about the meaning of democracy and a plan of action to promote democracy.



Professor Shaundra Kellam Lewis co-presented on a U.S. Supreme Court Panel at the Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit's ("BAFFC's") Appellate Advocacy Seminar on October 8, 2019, in New Orleans, Louisiana. At the CLE seminar, Professor Lewis discussed: (1) the appointment of Justice Brett Kavanaugh and his judicial philosophy; (2) the Supreme Court's recent decisions illustrating the ongoing debate about the bind of stare decisis; (3) the partisan gerrymandering cases; (4) upcoming DACA cases; and (5) other notable decisions from last term. Professor Lewis will be sharing her portion of the presentation at the Wednesday faculty lecture series on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Professor Lewis's co-presenters were: Aaron Streett (a partner from Baker Botts who specializes in appellate litigation and former U.S. Supreme Court law clerk for the late Justice William Rehnquist); and Timothy Crooks (the former appellate litigation chief for the Federal Public Defender's Office in Houston, Texas, and one of the governors on BAFFC's Board of Governors).



Professor Lydia D. Johnson's article titled, What Does Justice Have to Do with Interpreters in The Jury Room?, 84 UMKC L. REV. 941 (2016), was recently cited in the following law review article by Lisa Santaniello, If an Interpreter Mistranslates in a Courtroom and There is No Recording, Does Anyone Care: The Case for Protecting LEP Defendant's Constitutional Rights, 14 Nw. J. L. & Soc. Pol'y 91 (2018).

For more faculty highlights please visit:

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ECI HIGHLIGHTS

Earl Carl Institute's—2019 Marcia Johnson Outstanding Public Service Award



The Earl Carl Institute's *Annual Marcia Johnson Public Service Award* provides a \$1,000 award to a TSU student, a community servant, and a local community organization in recognition of outstanding public service. ECI is seeking nominees for each of the three award categories who demonstrate an outstanding level of commitment, passion, innovation and achievement resulting in substantial contribution to public service that has made a real difference to people's lives among communities of color and the traditionally disenfranchised.

This award was established in the name of the Institute's founder, Professor Marcia Johnson. Professor Johnson is a visionary in her own right. In 1992, she created the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. as a nonprofit organization sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. The MJOPSA was established to recognize and promote broad spectrum public service that places a voice at the decision-making table that advocates for the interest of disenfranchised communities.

The award seeks to recognize those who serve without glory, under the radar, doing the kind of work the Earl Carl Institute aspires to do. The types of work the MJOPSA intends to recognize includes, but is not limited to:

- Activities that promote progress and reform
- Legal & social policy advocacy
- Community coalition building
- Community organizing
- Grassroots organization
- Community decision making
- Research and education

Professor Marcia Johnson has served as a "voice at the table" for disenfranchised communities in a number of volunteer roles and has served on various national, state, and municipal boards and committees. Among others, she has served her community as vice chair of the Houston Forensic Science, LGC, Inc., Executive Committee Member of the Harris County Coalition for Juvenile and Criminal Justice Reform, and Member of the Board of Advisors, Annam Community Development Corporation. She epitomizes commitment as she serves as a mentor to many and an inspiration to us all.

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019
Time: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm
Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law



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STUDENT NEWS

Class of 2021 2L Pinning



On October 5th, 2019, TMSL's class of 2021 participated in the school's longstanding tradition of 2L pinning. The class was addressed by Dean Joan R.M. Bullock, Associate Dean L. Darnell Weeden, SBA President Jemario Bibbs, and 2L Class President Bre'Anna Donaldson. Also participating in this celebration as pinners were esteemed alumni, Attorney Al Benoit (2008); Attorney Husein Hadi (2009); The Honorable Valencia Nash (1999); and Attorney Vy Nguyen (2007).



Vivian King, Esq., TMSL Alumna (Class of 1992), and Chief of Staff for the Harris County DA's Office served as the keynote speaker for this occasion. Over the span of Attorney King's career she has built her own law firm, received numerous legal honors and found time to become a television personality. King is licensed to practice law in the state of Texas; the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Western, Southern, and Northern Districts of Texas; and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.

Vivian King works to educate the community about the intricacies of the criminal justice system with her speaking appearances and community services. She has produced and hosted the "Truth & Justice with Vivian King" television show since 2011.

Some of the honors King has received are the *Percy Foreman Lawyer of the Year* award from the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the *Lawyer of the Year* and *Unsung Hero* awards from the Harris County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. She has also served as an adjunct professor at TMSL.



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THURGOOD STUDENT TRAILBLAZERS

2L Bre'Anna Donaldson demonstrates a passion for service and excellence



Bre'Anna Donaldson, TMSL class of 2021 is a Thurgood Student Trailblazer. A native of Fort Wayne, IN, Bre'Anna has a passion for service and an aptitude for excellence. Although she serves as 2L Class President, she still finds time in her busy schedule to serve the community around her. In addition to her work at TMSL, she serves as a mentor to teens at the Hope for Youth Foundation. She participates in their twice-monthly Friday Night Live outreach program that she describes as a loving, inviting atmosphere for youth. When asked why was service important to her she simply stated, *“Service is the core. We have to be the image that we want to see. It’s important that the youth have mentors that look like them.”*

Ms. Donaldson has also had some notable internships during her time at TMSL. During her 1L summer she interned with the Honorable Judge Hoyt, US District Court Southern District of Texas, where she learned about the judicial process from start to finish. She also interned with Aldine ISD in their Tax Litigation Department. This experience was rewarding for her because she felt like the things she learned in her 1L Property were reinforced in a real world setting.

As 2L Class President, Bre'Anna is a fierce advocate for her class and enjoys her position as a change agent. Being President of her class, Bre'Anna gets to be an intricate part of the support system, perseverance, and pride that she loves about TMSL. It is clear that Bre'Anna has blazed a path as a student and will continue to do so far beyond her time at TMSL!





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Alumni in November 5th Elections

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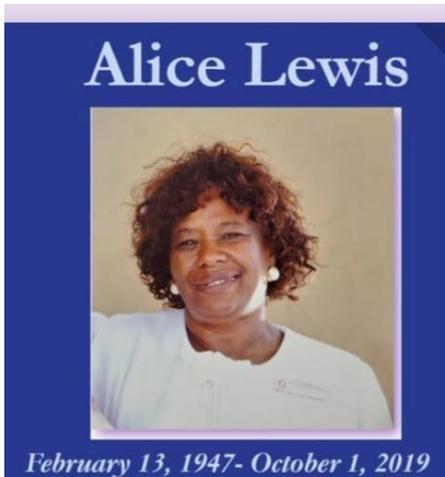
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IN MEMORIAM

TMSL mourns the loss of Umeka Lewis-Piccolo Mother



Alice Lewis, the mother of **Umeka Lewis-Piccolo** passed away on October 1, 2019 after suffering from a heart attack. She was described by many as a very “compassionate and sweet” lady. She was laid to rest on October 8, 2019.

The TMSL Family extends our sincerest condolences to the Lewis Family.

Judge Angela Graves-Harrington’s Grandmother Gains her Angel Wings



Judge Angela Graves-Harrington lost her grandmother, Elnora Theodore, who she affectionately called “Mamo”. She was a member of Mt. Pleasant UMC where she served many roles and inspired many people. The TMSL Family sends our condolences to the family.



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IMMIGRATION LAW CLE: BASICS OF REPRESENTING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN



Presentations covering the Basics of Representing Unaccompanied Children. This seminar will address issues surrounding immigration law and the fundamentals needed to represent unaccompanied children.



Thurgood Marshall School of Law
November 8, 2019 | 8:00 am - 2:00 pm





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The TMSL Office of External Affairs extends a special thank you to all those who helped to make this year's Homecoming a tremendous success!!! This was truly the BEST homecoming we have had...Back to the Yard!!!

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