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## This is Thurgood: Welcome the Class of 2019!



**Dean Danyne Holley and the TMSL Family  
welcomed the Thurgood Marshall School of  
Law Class of 2019!!**



The class of 235 students was drawn from a pool of more than 1,300 applicants. The members of the class come from 24 states and received undergraduate degrees from colleges and universities in not only Texas, but also places as far as California and New York. Fifty-two percent of the class members are female and forty-eight percent male. During his welcome, Dean Holley reprised the student that they are attending a law school named after the “*nations most significant lawyer.*” Dean Holley further stated that the students will be a part of a big history and great legacy.

“*We have a tradition of advocacy.*” Holley said. “*We want our legal education program to enhance the life options of each student and we want to make each of you ready and able to become a person who embraces professionalism,*” he said.

### TMSL Class of 2019 Profile:

Median LSAT: 146

Median GPA: 3.11

Ethnic demographics: American Indian (2%); Asian (3%); African-American (51%); Caucasian (13%); Hispanic (30%); Unknown (1%)

Median Age: 25





## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

### Dean Holley appointed by Texas Supreme Court to serve on bar exam task force



**Danye Holley**, dean and professor in the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, was appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas on June 24, 2016, to serve on a task force overseeing the Texas Bar Exam. The task force was formed in 2016 to monitor the content and administration of the Texas Bar Exam. The committee is responsible for studying the exam and submitting recommendations to the Court.

Dean Holley’s appointment comes after his response to the Houston Chronicle November 19, 2015 editorial entitled “**Legal let-downs**” which discussed the Texas 2015 July Bar results. Thurgood Marshall School of Law’s Dean Danye Holley replied in the *Houston Chronicle* with an article titled “**A quality legal education.**” To view the full article:

[http://www.pressreader.com/usa/houston-](http://www.pressreader.com/usa/houston-chronicle/20151202/282132110368743/TextView)

[chronicle/20151202/282132110368743/TextView](http://www.pressreader.com/usa/houston-chronicle/20151202/282132110368743/TextView) Please join the TMSL family in congratulating Dean Holley on his appointment by the Supreme Court of Texas.

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## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Professor James M. Douglas** was interviewed by the *Houston Chronicle* for his take on the historical account of two neighboring institutions of higher education, Texas Southern University and the University of Houston. Professor Douglas provided a sound, chronological reflection in time of two once racially separate institutions. A review of his accounts can be found in a special feature on Houston History located in the *Houston Chronicle*.

William M. Howard, *Construction and Application of State Statutes and Local Ordinances Regulating Licenses or Permits to Carry Concealed Weapons*, 12 A.L.R. 7th Art. 4 (2016). She also was recently cited by Bruce A. Arrigo & Austin Acheson, *Concealed Carry Bans and the American College Campus: A Law, Social Sciences, and Policy Perspective*, 19 CONTEMPORARY JUSTICE REV. 120 n. 6 (2016).

**Professor Lupe Salinas** was interviewed by the *Houston Chronicle* for his expert opinion on whether it is ethical for a judge to pre-determine if a person accused of a crime against a police officer would not be eligible for a plea bargain. The question stems from the recent events surrounding Galveston County District Judge Kerry L. Neves's posting on Facebook that prohibits anyone accused of threatening or endangering a law enforcement officer from entering into a plea agreement. To access the *Houston Chronicle* article, please click on: <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/neighborhood/bayarea/news/article/Experts-Galveston-judge-s-no-plea-vow-for-8403947.php?cmpid=gsa-chron-result>

**Associate Dean Cassandra Hill's** article, *The Elephant in the Law School Assessment Room: The Role of Student Responsibility and Motivating Our Students to Learn*, 56 How. L.J. 447 (2013), was recently cited in Professor Jennifer M. Cooper's article on law student learning, *Smarter Law Learning: Using Cognitive Science to Maximize Law Learning*, 44 Cap. U. L. Rev. 551, 558 (2016). In this article, Professor Cooper reaffirms Associate Dean Hill's position that continued research into student responsibility and study habits is warranted. As Professor Cooper stated, few scholars "have specifically analyzed law student study skills and their relationship to academic success." *Id.* at 588 n.158.



Also, Dean Hill has developed and will lead the new HBCU Law Scholars Connect. The Connect provides a forum for faculty of member law schools to share their research and work in a supportive environment that recognizes the range and diversity of scholarly topics. For further information email [cahill@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:cahill@tmslaw.tsu.edu).



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**Professor Shaundra Lewis's** article, *Bullets and Books by Legislative Fiat: Why Academic Freedom and Public Policy Permit Higher Education Institutions to Say No to Guns*, 48 IDAHO L. REV. 1 (2011), has recently been cited in the American Law Reports by



**Professor Stephanie Ledesma** participated on a panel sponsored by the Family Defense Center, a non-profit legal advocacy organization whose mission is to advocate for families in the child welfare system. The panel discussed the impact that racial disproportionality in the child welfare system has on African American families. Professor Ledesma also presented her work



-in-progress *Dismantling Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System Through Mandatory Cultural Awareness Training of Attorneys Who Represent Parents* as part of the 2016 SEALS New Scholars Workshop.



## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

### Professor Fernando Colon

spoke about the process of developing a law school specialization as part of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2016 Annual Conference. The panel was titled *Law School Specialization and Certification Programs*.



[abstract\\_id=2814364](#); *The Wrath of Khan: Immigrants Shatter the Trump Narrative*, THE ISLAMIC MONTHLY, <http://theislamicmonthly.com/the-wrath-of-khan/>. Additionally, Professor SpearIt's work was cited in the book, *Refining Child Pornography Law: Crime Language, and Social Consequence* (2016); a Ph.D. thesis entitled "Islam in the United States after 9/11: A Foucauldian Reading of the Lives of the Muslims in the United States in Dearborn Michigan" (2016); and the article, "Replacing God with the State," [http://](http://anthronow.com/online-articles/when-state-replaces-god)

### Professor Deana Pollard Sacks

finished filming four episodes of her internet talk show, *Meet the Professors: A Sociopolitical Educational Talk Show*. These new episodes address a variety of topics and include: (1) a discussion about Erwin Chemerinsky's (author and founding dean of UCI School of Law) 2014 book, *The Case against the Supreme Court*; (2) a session on California Proposition 13 (taxpayer revolt of 1978); and (3) two series on sex torts. Professor Pollard Sack's talk show is intended to bring academic research to the real world, to regular Americans, in an easily understandable and accessible format. You may access her talk show here: <http://meettheprofessors.org/>.



[https://issuu.com/muslimlink/docs/07\\_22\\_2016\\_tml\\_web](https://issuu.com/muslimlink/docs/07_22_2016_tml_web). Professor SpearIt was also recognized by the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar for his participation in the webinar "Integrating Experiential Learning in the Classroom," [http://www.americanbar.org/publications/syllabus\\_home/volume-47-2015-2016/syllabus-summer-2016--47-4-/from-the-section-director.html](http://www.americanbar.org/publications/syllabus_home/volume-47-2015-2016/syllabus-summer-2016--47-4-/from-the-section-director.html). Finally, he has accepted an invitation to speak at the 2016 Villanova Law Review Norman J. Shachoy Symposium on Friday, October 28, which will focus on police accountability.



**Professor SpearIt's** work was cited in an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the pending case, *Knight v. Thompson*, [http://sct.narf.org/documents/knight\\_v\\_thompson15-999/cert\\_amicus\\_corrections.pdf](http://sct.narf.org/documents/knight_v_thompson15-999/cert_amicus_corrections.pdf). He recently published: "Restoring the Pell Grant for Prisoners: Growing

Momentum for Reform," in THE STATE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2016 (AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION 2016), [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2814358](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2814358); *The Return of Pell Grants for Prisoners?*, 31 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAGAZINE 10 (2016), <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?>

### Professor L. Darnell Weeden

made a presentation as a member of a policing and community panel at the Southeastern Associations of Law Schools 2016 Annual Conference (SEALS) on Friday August 5, 2016, in Amelia, Island, Florida. Professor Weeden addressed the constitutionality of racial profiling by law police officers. During the presentation, Professor Weeden said laws and procedures permitting racial profiling should be considered unconstitutional as well as poor public. According to Professor Weeden, recent research has concluded that both racially biased stop-and-frisks and racial profiling are unacceptable practices because they generate mistrust of police officers in impacted minority communities.





## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

Professors Anthony Haughton, Lydia D. Johnson and Stephanie Ledesma appeared as guests on [KJOZRADIO.COM](http://KJOZRADIO.COM), Internet Radio Show, “Inside the Law” on August 19, 2016.

Professors Haughton, Johnson and Ledesma discussed “Practice Ready”. Professor Ledesma further advised that she has increased externship opportunities to meet this mandate.

Professor Haughton is the Associate Director of the Earl Carl Institute’s Innocence Project. He discussed how false confessions result in convictions.

Professor Johnson is in charge of the Criminal Law Clinic and described the diverse Live Client Clinic opportunities available for students. This includes Immigration, Family and Wills Clinics.

Professor Ledesma is the Director of Experiential Learning and she explained how the movement in legal education is to get stu-



### TMSL

#### 2016-17 FACULTY SERIES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events are held on Wednesdays 12pm-1pm in the Dean's Conference Room at TMSL unless otherwise noted, and lunch is provided.

Please contact Ms. Norma Peet at ext. 4480 if you have any questions.

#### FALL 2016

8/24/16

Faculty Roundtable Series (Teaching) *"Kognito—Virtual Training Access—How to identify Mental Health Crises"*  
Dr. Andrea Shelton, Professor-COPHS  
PI, Safety Training & Education to Prevent Suicide  
Texas Southern University

8/31/16

Faculty Roundtable Series (Teaching) *"CLP Intranet for TMSL Faculty"*  
Charlene James, Instructor,  
Center for Legal Pedagogy  
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

9/7/16

(12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Presentation will repeat at 1:00 pm)

Faculty Roundtable Series (Research) *"Faculty Research and the New & Improved Lexis for Microsoft Office (Including MS Word)" (Open to RA's)*  
Adriana Ramirez, Sr. Account Executive  
Law Schools LexisNexis

9/14/16

Faculty Roundtable Series (Teaching) *"Teaching Forum for Bar Essay Professors"*  
Led by Marsha Griggs, Assistant Dean for Academic Support and Charlene James, Instructor, Center for Legal Pedagogy, TMSL

9/21/16-9/22/16

TMSL Scholar-in-Residence  
César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández  
Assistant Professor, University of Denver Sturm  
College of Law

Professor Garcia Hernandez's Tentative Schedule:

- (1) Faculty/Student/Community Presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 12-12:50 pm: *"Abolishing Immigration Prisons"* (co-sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall Law Review, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Journal on Gender, Race, & Justice and Institute for Immigration and International Law) (Rooms 105/108)
- (2) Dinner/Talk with faculty on Wednesday evening *"Introduction to Crimmigration Law"* (Dean's Conference Room 4-7 pm)
- (3) Lunch and Q&A with law review & law journal students over lunch (12-12:50 pm Dean's Conference Room)
- (4) Class Guest Lecture: LL.M. Advanced Immigration Law (Thursday, 5-8:30 pm, Room 202)

9/28/16

Faculty Roundtable Series (Teaching) *"Teaching Forum for Multistate Professors"*  
Led by Marsha Griggs, Assistant Dean for Academic Support, and Charlene James, Instructor, Center for Legal Pedagogy, TMSL

10/5/16

Thurgood Marshall Lecture Series *"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"*  
L. Darrell Weeden, Professor of Law, TMSL  
(See 2016 Utah L. Rev. OnLaw 101).

10/12/16

TMSL Quodlibet Series *"Asset Forfeitures: Are They Really Predatory Police Tactics or True Efforts to Prevent Crimes?"*  
Lydia Johnson, Associate Professor, TMSL

10/19/16

HOME COMING WEEK

10/21/16 (Friday)

Wiley A. Branton Symposium  
Co-sponsored with the National Bar Association and Howard University School of Law  
Symposium: 8 am-12:30 pm in rooms 105 and 108; Reception and Awards Program: 5-7:30 pm in the TSU University Museum

11/2/16

TMSL-Houston College of Law Exchange *"The Executive Right to Lease Oil & Gas: Another Way to Get Swindled in the Oilpatch"*  
Christopher Kulander, Ph.D. Professor & Director,  
Harry L. Reed Oil & Gas Law Institute Of Counsel,  
Haynes and Boone, LLP

11/9/16

Faculty Series *"Assessing the Viability of Race-Neutral Alternatives in Law School Admissions"*  
Ebony S. Nelson, Professor of Law  
University of South Carolina School of Law

11/16/16

Interdisciplinary Bridges Series *"Legal Issues and the Black Female Athlete's Collegiate Experience at HBCU's"*  
Courtney Flowers, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sports Management,  
TSU Department of Health & Kinesiology

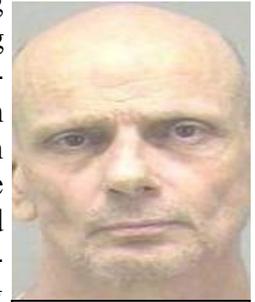




## EARL CARL INSTITUTE NEWS

### Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project Students Collaborate with the Innocence Project of New York

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Innocence Project (TMSLIP), operating under the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc., is actively co-counselling in the ongoing actual innocence litigation of thrice convicted Capital Defendant Johnathan Bruce Reed. Reed was convicted of the 1978 death of flight attendant, Wanda Jean Waddle. Reed was convicted of capital murder and sent to death row twice, once in 1979 and again on a retrial in 1983. Reed appealed that conviction for 16 years before finally being granted a new trial in 2009. Two years later he was convicted for the third time and given a sentence of life without parole. The courts overturned his 1983 conviction because of racial bias in jury selection. Prosecutors prevented blacks from being seated on the jury for Reed, who is white. The appeals court finding that prosecutors improperly excluded blacks from his jury in the belief that blacks empathize with defendants. Reed has always maintained his innocence.



Johnathan Reed

The crime at the center of his 1978. Kimberly Pursley, a Braniff came home to find that the door of other flight attendants was closed. voice tell her, “Stay out there.” The repairing the air filter. When he Wadle’s nude body on the floor. ing to strangle her and leaving her, maged the apartment and stopped to leaving the apartment. After she ley called for help. Wadle was phone cord in her northeast Dallas apartment. A plastic bag and a white cloth belt were knotted around her neck. She and Wadle were taken to hospital, where Wadle died nine days later. Pursley survived and later identified Reed as the killer. Two other residents identified Reed as the man they saw in the apartment complex just before the time of the attack.



convictions took place on November 1, International Airlines Flight Attendant, the apartment that she shared with three When she knocked she heard a man’s man claimed to be a maintenance worker stepped out of the bedroom Pursley saw The man then attacked Pursley attempt- he thought, for dead. The assailant rum- drink a glass of water before eventually was sure he had left the apartment Purs- found nude, strangled and tied up with a

There is no physical evidence connecting Reed to the crime. The fingerprints recovered from the glass that the assailant used did not match Reed, nor, later, did a partial DNA profile from a semen cell recovered from the victim. But all three juries convicted him despite testimony from his employer and family that showed he was at work at the time of the crime. According to the Innocence Project in New York, faulty eyewitness testimony was a factor in more than 75 percent of DNA exonerations. In Dallas County, incorrect eyewitness testimony was involved in 21 of 22 DNA exonerations.

TMSLIP students are actively investigating the case, second year students LaShay Hopkins and Kasandra DeHoyos volunteered as interns at TMSLIP this summer, and third year students, Nediaalka Gagalieva and Rustin Foroutan are working on the case this fall. The students are looking for alternative suspects and pushing for new and sophisticated “trace” DNA testing of the glass, and the ligatures used on the victim. A match to the partial profile will almost certainly exonerate Reed. TMSLIP is co-counselling the case with the Innocence Project out of New York and collaborating with Dallas’ Conviction Integrity Unit, the first such unit in a District Attorney’s office in the country. Litigation is currently under way.





## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

### Welcome to the TMSL Family

#### Ashley C. Scott, Assistant Director of Career Services



The Career Services Office would like to welcome Ashley C. Scott to the CSO team. Ashley serves as the Assistant Director of Career Services and will be the primary counselor for the 1L class.

Ashley is originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and prior to joining TMSL, she worked as a Senior Career Specialist at the University of Houston Law Center. Ashley earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *summa cum laude*, from Florida A&M University and her Juris Doctor degree from Columbia University in the City of New York. While in law school, Ms. Scott served as the chapter president of the Black Law Students Association, as a member of the Student Senate, and on the editorial board for the Journal of Gender and Law. She is licensed to practice law in New

York and Washington, D.C., where she practiced commercial litigation at two Am Law 100 firms in New York and Washington, D.C.

While in practice, Ms. Scott served on the professional development, diversity and associate committees and assisted with recruiting at each of her firms. She also mentored and actively sought opportunities to assist diverse law school candidates, law students, and junior attorneys with their career and professional development needs. After leaving practice, Ms. Scott spent a year abroad as a teacher and administrator in language schools in Peru, South America. Her experience in Peru confirmed her commitment to working with students, and she returned to pursue this passion in a career services role.

Ashley's diverse background, experience, and enthusiasm, brings a fresh perspective to the CSO. She has already made significant contributions to the department's goals, and we are excited to have her join our TMSL family. Welcome, Ashley!



## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

### TMSL Welcomes Misty Bishop to the Law School Family!



Misty L. Bishop is a native of Grimes County, Texas and an alumna of Anderson-Shiro Jr-Sr. High School, and Texas Southern University. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice with a minor in Speech Communication and is currently pursuing an Executive Masters in Public Administration at her alma mater, Texas Southern University. Ms. Bishop is also a certified paralegal/legal assistant from Southwestern Professional Institute. In the near future, she plans to pursue a law degree specializing in transactional, taxation, mergers and acquisitions law as well as sports and entertainment, and labor and employment law. She is excited to join the TMSL family and looks forward to working at her alma mater, Texas Southern University. Ms. Bishop is located in suite 214 (front window), and will assist Professors Butler, M. James, M. Johnson, Pollard-Sacks, Stewart and Walker. Please welcome Ms. Misty Bishop.

### TMSL Welcomes Mr. Richard Hind to the Law School Family!



Richard Hind was born in Birmingham, England. He moved to the United States in 2002 and currently lives in Katy with his wife, Mary, and two cats, Cleo and Grace. Mr. Hind started working in the field of law back in 2009 at Cooper, Sprague, Jackson & Boanerges, P.C., a firm which specializes in insurance defense. He started there on the front desk and quickly worked his way up to a floating assistant role. Mr. Hind then went to work as the Legal Assistant to one of the partners at an employment law firm, Rosenberg & Sprovach, P.C. His most recent position before joining TMSL was at Sprague, Rustam & Diamond, P.C., where he worked as the Legal Assistant to two of the partners. The firm specializes primarily in insurance defense, but also does a small amount of plaintiff and non-insurance work. Mr. Hind is located in the Dean's Suite, and will assist Deans Holley and Aitsebaomo. Please welcome Mr. Richard Hind.





## STUDENT NEWS

### Orientation 2016: A Spotlight on Professionalism



Over 230 students were welcomed to Thurgood Marshall School of Law as a part of the incoming Class of 2019.

In the span of one week, students participated in the product of a strategic overhaul of TMSL's Orientation. This overhaul highlighted professionalism and purpose. The 2016 orientation was strategically designed to help students conceptualize their law school experience, and responsibility as an advocate, starting the first day of orientation. This included "Frame the Day" discussions hosted by The Center for Legal Pedagogy on professionalism, study skills, what to expect as a law student and discussions about how their life will change. Career Services provided headshots and acquainted students with their initiatives for the upcoming year. This year we also wanted students to feel that orientation gave them an opportunity to become acquainted with their school and their peers. Student ambassadors hosted building tours and TMSL students were consistently visible and heard from within the orientation programming as well. The Student Bar Association hosted student panels, a TMSL organization fair, and provided lunch and socializing on Friday.

A consistent thread throughout orientation programming was utilizing law school to "practice your practice." The Office of External Affairs sponsored an alumni panel, where students heard words of wisdom from a well-rounded spectrum of TMSL graduates. The panel included **Alexia McWhinney, Reginald Wilson, Scott Brooks, Vivian King, Baltazar Salazar, Troy Pradia, and Robert Jones. Vy Nguyen** served as the moderator. Representatives from local and state Bar Associations reinforced these messages of preparation, determination and professionalism as they informed students about their respective organizations.



Students also had an opportunity to hear from the new TSU President, President Austin Lane, who welcomed our students warmly and praised TMSL's legacy. There were many highlights that students had an opportunity to be a part of, least of all being the opportunity to hear from so many individuals who wanted to see them be successful at TMSL.

Overall orientation was a success. As one student put it "This was everything I needed to know, even the stuff I didn't know I needed to know!" Another student shared "I thought orientation was useful and awesome! Academic support and the student ambassadors were great. Ms. James did a great job of keeping everything organized and on time." A number of students surveyed shared that the academic support and the Frame the Day sessions were beneficial to their confidence. One student wrote on their survey "I really thought... "I think I can do this and I believe I can do this well." I can say with confidence that the class of 2019 has a lot to offer. We will see great things from them.



# STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

## TMSL's Back-to-School Drive

TMSL's 2016 Back-to-School drive was birthed out of a call to service for the obvious need within our local community. Miss TMSL, Joanne Nwaogu, proposed the idea in May 2016, and it was destined for her and Mr. TMSL, Laymond Wilburn, to bring the idea to fruition. The beneficiaries of the drive were students from the Cuney Homes housing project, along with first-graders from Bastian Elementary School.



Cuney Homes and Bastian Elementary are located within Texas Southern University's community. The demographics of the residents and students mirror that of TMSL. Mr. and Miss TMSL's collective goal was to bring young students to our historic law school, equip them with school supplies needed to begin this year's academic journey, and most importantly, to introduce the

youth to professional students who look like them.

Throughout the contribution phase of the TMSL's Back-to-School Drive, individuals from all over Houston volunteered their time and resources. Some of note are Ray and Kathy Wilburn of the VA Employment Division, Mrs. Sherin Daniel of the Harris County District Attorney's Office, TMSL faculty and staff, and TMSL students. In total, over 60 backpacks filled with supplies, coupled with an



assortment of additional necessities, were provided to area youth. Needless to say, the recipients and their parents were extremely grateful and appreciative of the efforts. Hopefully, this initiative will live on, gain traction, and help even more students next year.



## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

### TMSL Welcomes Back the LEAP program

This summer, after a more than 15-year hiatus, TMSL brought back their Legal Education and Advancement Program (LEAP). The goal of TMSL has always been to prepare students for professional excellence and to protect, improve and pass on a legacy of social progress. Although TMSL sets high expectations for potential law students, traditional indicators alone are not always reliable in predicting a student's success or failure in law school. These indicators may, in fact, filter out students who would be successful in law school. Because of that awareness, TMSL instituted an additional avenue to admit students: The Legal Education Advancement Program (LEAP). LEAP is a rigorous six-week performance based program which admits students based on additional criteria other than grades and LSAT scores.

The LEAP Program admitted 29 students this summer. The curriculum was designed to introduce and test students on the abilities most closely correlated with successful academic performance in law school. Professors Ahunanya Anga, Sally Green and April Walker facilitated and produced an excellent program that gave LEAP students ample opportunities to show their readiness for Law School at TMSL. The rigorous program culminated in an "All About Law School" symposium.



Produced by The Center for Legal Pedagogy's Charlene James, it was an inside-look at what students can expect from classes, the law school structure, tips on organization, study skills and dealing with professors. The symposium included student led panels, faculty presentations and several opportunities for dialogue, discussion and even some fun.

Thurgood Marshall is pleased to report that all 29 students in the LEAP program showed sufficient progress within the LEAP Curriculum. They have been offered admission into the TMSL incoming class.



Congratulations to Thurgood Marshall on a successful program this summer! We know we will see great things from them.



## STUDENT NEWS *Cont'd.*

### Sekeia Wyatt named 2016 HBCU All-Star



**Sekeia Wyatt**, 3L, Editor-in-Chief of the Thurgood Marshall Law Review was named a 2016 HBCU All-Star along with seventy three students from across sixty-three HBCU's. These students were selected from over 300 applicants across twenty-four states, the District of Columbia, Ghana, Nigeria and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Each All-Star is recognized for his/her accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement.

John B. King, Jr. U.S. Secretary of Education stated the following in an August 19, 2016, press release issued by the U.S. Department of Education, "...the 73 All-Stars... distinguish themselves as exemplars of the talent that HBCUs cultivate and as noble ambassadors of their respective institutions."

The All-Stars will educate the community on the value of education and provide info about the HBCU initiative. Texas Southern University has two All-Stars, joining Ms. Wyatt is Kaleb Taylor, BJML-SOPA. Please join in congratulating our TSU/TMSL All-Stars!!





# CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC NEWS

## TMSL Criminal Law Clinic Runs for Change Happens!

The TMSL Criminal Law Clinic participated in the HOUSTON YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION 5k fun run/walk on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the Sam Houston Park. The 2016 race benefitted Change Happens! It is a non profit community based organization that provides a variety of programs—homeless support services, substance abuse treatment and individual counseling. [Changehappenstx.org](http://Changehappenstx.org)



**Congrats to the TMSL Criminal Law Clinic!!!**

**2nd Place Winners!**  
**2016 Hyla 5K Race**

Team Members: Laymond Wilburn, Carlos Ortiz, Tim Adams, & Professor Asmara Tekle

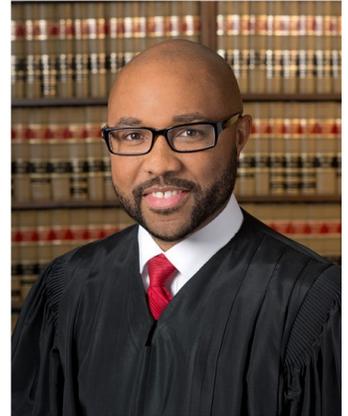




## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

### **TMSL Alum Mark Styles, Jr. is appointed as Circuit Judge**

**Mark A. Styles, Jr.**, TMSL class of May 2004, was appointed by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon as Circuit Judge in the 16th Judicial Circuit on August 2, 2016. He shares in the responsibility of administering the 16th Judicial Circuit's Probate Division. Specifically he presides over the division's mental health docket, guardianship and conservatorship docket and miscellaneous probate docket. Prior to his appointment he was appointed Deputy Probate Commissioner on October 3, 2014, by Judge Forsyth. "Mark Styles is an experienced and accomplished lawyer who is committed to public service," Gov. Nixon said. "The people of Jackson County will continue to benefit from Commissioner Style's intellect, dedication and trusted judgement through his new role as Circuit Judge."



### **TMSL Alum Kevin Wayne Dancy, joins the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas**

**Kevin Wayne Dancy, Esq. MPA**, TMSL class of Dec. 2010, is the Community Development Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, where he leads the community development function of the Dallas Fed in more than 40 counties across the Southeast Region of Texas. He conducts and publishes extensive research on issues relating to consumer finance and lending, community reinvestment, economic development, housing and small business. Since joining the Bank, he has become a thought leader on many of the issues impacting low- and moderate-income communities within the Fed's Eleventh District. Kevin previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Al Green and as Special Counsel to numerous nonprofit organizations.



### **IN MEMORIAM: Scott E. Williams**

**Scott E. Williams**, TMSL class of 2011, passed away at his home in Dickinson, TX, on August 17, 2016. Scott worked as a prosecutor and private-practice attorney until late 2015, when the Daily News recruited him to its newsroom. Scott returned to his journalism roots and was named assistant managing editor in January and promoted to managing editor for news in April. Williams was known for integrity and excellent journalism among his colleagues and members of the criminal justice system.





## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



### TMSL Alumnus, The Honorable Marc Carter Receive's Nation's Highest Judicial Honor

**Judge Marc Carter**, TMSL class of 1993, of the 228th District Court receives the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence from Chief Justice John Roberts of the United States Supreme Court.

The William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence is one of the nation's highest judicial honors. Presented annually by the National Center for State Courts, this prestigious award honors a state court judge who demonstrates the outstanding qualities of judicial excellence, including integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgment, intellectual courage, and decisiveness. The William H. Rehnquist Award honors judges who are taking bold steps to address a variety of issues affecting their communities.

### U. Lawrence Bozé Receives Distinguished Honor as HistoryMaker



**U. Lawrence Bozé**, TMSL Class of 1978, received the honorable recognition to have his interview that was once a part of the HistoryMakers collection at the Library of Congress, permanently positioned in their digital archive. Bozé comes from a family of first. His father founded Riverside Bank, Houston's first African American controlled bank and his pedigree further led him through a continuous career of many first. Bozé was the first student to receive a dual-degree from Texas Southern University where in 1978 he graduated Summa Cum Laude and valedictorian of both the masters in finance degree and juris doctor programs.

He later served as bankruptcy counsel and vice president/bankruptcy counsel for Chevron U.S.A./Gulf Oil Corporation and Allied Bankshares, Inc. respectively. He later founded U. Lawrence Bozé and Associates specializing in environmental law and real estate and in 1994, Bozé became the first black fee attorney for Fidelity National Title. His first did not stop there. Bozé was and still is very active in several legal and civic organizations. He served as the president of the Houston Lawyers Association and in 1991, founded and became the first president of the Texas Association of African American Lawyers. Bozé's accolades and accomplishments continued as he served as the 54<sup>th</sup> president of the National Bar Association and a long-time State Bar Examiner for the Texas Board of Law Examiners.

U. Lawrence Bozé's legacy and place in history will forever be memorialized!!



## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.* ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



### **Attorney Shawn Thierry wins Democratic Nomination for State Representative**

**Shawn Thierry**, TMSL class of 1996 secures the Democratic Nomination replacing State Representative Borris Miles for Texas House District 146—Houston. Thierry, a well respected trial attorney, won the House seat by a 13-11 vote. Please join the TMSL family in congratulating the State Representative Elect.



### **Attorney Rodney Jones Jr. named Chairman of the Board**

**Rodney Jones**, TMSL class of 2011 was unanimously approved by City Council as Chairman of the Board for the Sunnyside Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #26. Jones' nomination for appointment was given by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. Jones will represent the residents and businesses within the Sunnyside community. As the chair of the Board of Directors, Jones is charged to improve economic development and revitalize the historic Sunnyside community.



### **Attorney William "Bill" McLeod receives *Houston Chronicle* endorsement**

**"Bill" McLeod**, TMSL class of 2001 is a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct 5, Place 1. McLeod received an endorsement from the *Houston Chronicle* as the only lawyer in the race. McLeod promises to serve with fairness, dignity, and respect. He also stands to promote efficiency in the docket, address bullying within schools. Early voting begins October 24, 2016, and goes through November 4, 2016, and the final day to vote is on November 8, 2016.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**San Antonio Area Alumni & Friends Breakfast**

*Held during the Annual Judicial Education Conference*

J.W. Marriott

Larkspur Room

23808 Resort Parkway

San Antonio, Texas 78261

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.



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**SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

**D.C. AREA TSU/TMSL  
ALUMNI & FRIENDS BRUNCH**

Marriott Marquis – Chinatown Room

901 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.

Washington, DC 20001

10:00 am



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### THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW CLINICAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

# CRIMINAL LAW CLINIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Saturday, September 10, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fallbrook Community Church

12512 Walters Road  
Houston, TX 77014

Spanish assistance will be provided.



UPCOMING EVENTS *Cont'd.*



ATTORNEY  
**Ricky Anderson**  
PROJECT



Celebrity Chair: **BILLY GRANVILLE**  
*Former NFL Player, Cincinnati Bengals & Houston Texans*

*Celebrity* **September 10, 2016** *Golf Classic*

**Hermann Park Golf Course**

2155 N. MacGregor Way  
Houston, Texas 77030

**8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START**

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September 29th  
**THURGOOD THURSDAY**  
**NATIONAL**  
**HISPANIC**  
**HERITAGE**  
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**STUDENT/ ALUMNI EVENT**  
 White Hall – Part & Parcel  
 1700 Smith St. - Houston, TX 77002  
 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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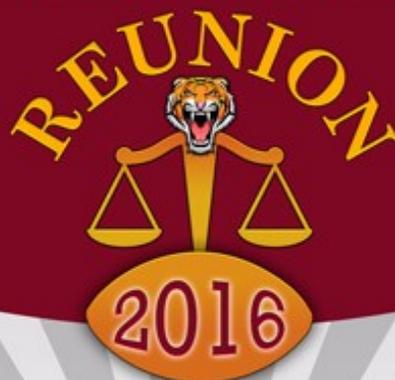
**October 17-22, 2016**

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**TSU**  
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UNIVERSITY  
Homecoming  
**2016**

Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*in conjunction with Texas Southern University Homecoming*



The classes that will participate are  
1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006, 2011



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UPCOMING CLE

October 7, 2016

Family Law

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION → DALLAS, TEXAS

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen

3520 Oak Lawn Ave · Dallas, Texas 75219

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.



\$125.00 attorneys; \$40.00 government  
and non-profit attorneys;  
complimentary non-attorneys  
MCLE 4.0 · Ethics 1.0



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September 16, 2016

Constitution Law Day

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Thurgood Marshall School of Law

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m.

\$30.00 attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys

MCLE 2.0 · Ethics 0.0

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## UPCOMING CLE *Cont'd.*

September 29, 2016

# Miranda 50 Years Later: *It Still Matters*

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

*Presented by*

Earl Carl Institute's Innocence Project  
TMSL Clinical Legal Studies Program  
Texas Southern University  
Thurgood Marshall School of Law

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cost is \$70.00 includes lunch; \$60.00 no lunch included;

Complimentary non-attorneys with \$10.00 lunch fee

MCLE 4.0 · Ethics 0.0



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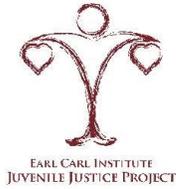
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### SEPTEMBER 2016

September 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Fall 2016 OCI Phase 2

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Suite 213 – Interview Rooms

Target: 2Ls and 3Ls

Point Person: *Renita Walker*

September 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Labor Day (NO CLASSES)

September 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Labor Day Classic – TSU v. PVU

Location: Prairie View A&M

Time: 5:00 pm

For more information contact TSU Athletics –  
[www.tsu.edu](http://www.tsu.edu)

September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### San Antonio Area Alumni & Friends Breakfast

#### Held during the Annual Judicial Education Conference

Location: J.W. Marriott  
Larkspur Room  
23808 Resort Parkway  
San Antonio, TX 78261

Time: 7:00 am – 8:30 am

September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Faculty Development

Location: Deans Conference Room

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

September 7<sup>th</sup>

#### OCS – “A Day in the Life” Session I: Judicial Internships

#### & Clerkships

#### Speaker - The Honorable George Hanks, Jr.

Location: Room 210

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 PM

Target: All Students

Point Person: *Nikki Smith*

September 9<sup>th</sup>

#### TSU Founders’ Day Convocation

September 10<sup>th</sup>

#### 6th Annual Attorney Ricky Anderson Project Celebrity

#### Golf Classic:

#### Thurgood Marshall School of Law

#### Sports & Entertainment Law Society

Location: Hermann Park Golf Course

Time: 8:00 am shot gun

Cost: \$600 team of 4; \$200 a player;

Sponsorship: \$200 hole sponsor; \$1200 Tournament Sponsor

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September 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Community Forum - Expunctions

#### TMSL Criminal Clinic

#### Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: Fallbrook Baptist Church

Time: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

September 12<sup>th</sup>

#### CSO Snack Break

Time: 12 p.m.

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: External Affairs Lobby

Target: All Students

Point Person: *Renita Walker*

September 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Faculty Development

Location: Deans Conference Room

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

September 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Purge of all unpaid course selections

September 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Congressional Black Caucus

Location: Washington Convention Center  
Washington, DC



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### SEPTEMBER 2016

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MCLE: 2.0  
Ethics: 0.0  
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#### September 17<sup>th</sup>

#### D.C. Area TSU/TMSL Alumni & Friends Brunch

Location: Marriott Marquis – Chinatown Room  
901 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001  
Time: 10:00 am  
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#### September 21st

#### Faculty Development

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

#### September 21<sup>st</sup>

#### “If I am not in the Top 10%, How Do I Obtain Employment?”

Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Location: TBD  
Target: 2Ls & 3Ls  
Point Person: Nikki Smith

#### September 26th – October 1st “How Do I?: Career Week” (partner with student organization?)

#### September 27th

#### “How Do I Spend my Summer?”: 3L Panel

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Location: TBD  
Panel: 3Ls who've received clerkships  
Target: 1Ls and 2Ls  
Point Person: Ashley Scott

#### September 28th

#### Faculty Development

Location: Deans Conference Room  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

#### September 28th

#### The Honorable Senfronia Thompson

#### Sponsored by: SBA

Location: TBD  
Time: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

#### September 29th

#### Miranda 50 Years Later It Still Matters -CLE Earl Carl Institute’s Innocence Project, TMSL Clinical Legal Studies Program, and Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Time: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Cost: \$70.00 includes lunch; \$60.00 no lunch  
MCLE: 4.0  
Ethics: none  
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#### September 29th “How Do I Get my Foot in the Door?”: Preparing the Application

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Location: TBD  
Panel: TBD  
Target: 1Ls and 2Ls  
Point Person: Ashley Scott

#### September 29th

#### Thurgood Thursday – National Hispanic Heritage Month Student/ Alumni Event

Location: White Hall – Part & Parcel  
1700 Smith St.  
Houston, TX 77002  
Time: 5:30 pm-8:00 pm

#### September 30th

#### “How Do I Seal the Deal?”: Interviewing & Networking

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Location: TBD  
Panel: TBD (Role Plays)  
Target: 1Ls and 2Ls



## August Birthdays



<b>Norma Peet</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Jimmy Walker</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Thelma Harman</b>	<b>11th</b>
<b>Elsa Ransom</b>	<b>12th</b>
<b>Gabriel Aitsebaomo</b>	<b>13th</b>
<b>Paul Stein</b>	<b>15th</b>
<b>Ericka Kelsaw</b>	<b>17th</b>
<b>Asmara Tekle</b>	<b>25th</b>
<b>Carolyn Gardner</b>	<b>27th</b>
<b>Thomas Kleven</b>	<b>30th</b>



### Recycle reminder

Go Green! Let's remember to recycle our used bottles! The recycle bins are located in two areas of the law school and emptied every morning!

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