

Twelfth Annual Meeting of Law School Diversity Professionals

2018 or 1820? Strategies for Confronting New Manifestations of Age-Old Oppressive Structures

May 2-4, 2018

Texas A&M University School of Law
1515 Commerce Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Wednesday, May 2nd

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Registration at Ashton Hotel, 610 Main St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Welcome Reception at Ashton Hotel

Thursday, May 3rd

9:00 am Bus Departs Ashton Hotel to Texas A&M University School of Law

9:15 am - 10:00 am Breakfast & Registration at Texas A&M University School of Law

10:00 am – 10:30 am Introductions

10:30 am - 12:30 pm WORKSHOP I

The Diversity Pipeline

This two-part workshop will focus on the diversity pipeline, zeroing in on pivotal issues in the college to law school and the law school to graduation segments of the pipeline.

Part 1 – We Must Change Our Tactics or Lose the Game: Re-thinking Diversity in Law School Admissions

Speaker: Rachel Patterson, Director of Programs for Diversity, AccessLex
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/rachel-patterson-42687a24/>

Part 2 - The End of the Pipeline

Speakers: Carla Pratt, Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, Nancy J. LaMont Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law at Penn State Dickinson School of Law -
<https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/academics/faculty/resident-faculty/carla-pratt>

Dorie Evensen, Education and Policy Studies Professor Emerita of Education and Senior Scientist at Penn State University <http://sites.psu.edu/cshe/people/faculty/retired-and-emeritus-faculty/>

12:30 pm-1:45 pm LUNCH
Keynote Speaker – Jason Downs - <http://www.downscollins.com/>

2:00 pm-3:30 pm WORKSHOP II

Throwback Thursday: A Historical Analysis of Diversity

Does history repeat itself? This workshop will examine the history of diversity in legal education and discuss the ways that we can learn from the past to impact the future.

Speakers: Shirley Jefferson - <https://www.vermontlaw.edu/directory/person/jefferson-shirley>

Tracey West - <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/law/academics-faculty/faculty-directory/Tracey-West.html>

Troy Riddle - https://www.jmls.edu/directory/profile.php?lastfirstname=Riddle_Troy

3:45 pm Bus Departs Texas A&M to Ashton Hotel

Dinner on your own

Friday, May 4th

9:00 am Bus Departs Ashton Hotel to Texas A&M University School of Law

9:15 am Continued Registration at Texas A&M University School of Law

9:15 am-10:00 am BREAKFAST

10:00 am – 10:30 am SELF CARE EXERCISE

10:30 am – 12:00 pm WORKSHOP III

Hot Topics

This interactive workshop will cover current hot topics on campuses nationwide including free speech on campus, active shooters, police brutality, Title IX and sexual harassment and other important topics.

Facilitators: Brenda Hernandez, Shawn McShay, Jermaine Cruz, Jino Ray, Justin Cruz, Lydia Florence

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH
LSAC Update – Kent Lollis, Executive Director LSAC

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm WORKSHOP IV

Racial Superiority in the Classroom

This workshop will examine and discuss how privilege and racial superiority manifest themselves in the classroom.

Speakers: Professor Michael Lawrence - http://www.law.msu.edu/faculty_staff/profile.php?prof=23
Dwayne Wright - <https://ed.psu.edu/eps/on-the-job-market-1/student-cvs/wright-cv>

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm BREAK

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm WORKSHOP V

How to Burn **it Down and Not Get Fired

As diversity professionals we often balance radical ideas within traditional structures. This workshop will feature diversity professionals who pushed the boundaries within their organizations to effectuate change.

Speakers: Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, Do Good Work, Inc. - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/terrell-strayhorn-phd-b3637a55/>

4:15 pm-4:30 pm Final Remarks

4:30 pm-5:30 pm Closing Reception at Texas A&M University School of Law

5:45 pm Bus Departs Texas A&M University School of Law back to Ashton Hotel

Dinner on your own