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REGISTER FOR SALT-GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW “VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, ECONOMIC REALITIES” CONFERENCE—MARCH 19-20 IN SF

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to discuss just how to incorporate theories of economics and poverty into an array of subjects across the curriculum. Register for the Friday and Saturday, March 19-20, “Vulnerable Populations, Economic Realities: an inter-disciplinary approach to law teaching.

[Register On-Line!!!](#) (You need to log in to register.)

Registration fees have been waived for conference presenters.

Registration is \$130 for the two-day conference. [Review the full program which is now posted!!](#)

- **The conference begins with a Friday morning plenary:** a conversation between [Paul Butler](#), (George Washington University School of Law) author of [Let's Get Free: A Hip Hop Theory of Justice](#), and [Richard Delgado](#), (Seattle University School of Law) on the criminalization of poverty.
- **Friday's lunchtime speaker** is [Lauren Speeth](#), founding CEO of [The Elfenworks Foundation](#), which is underwriting some of the costs of the conference.

- **Friday evening [California Newsreel](#)** is sponsoring a wine and beer reception and showing a sneak preview of its documentary-in-progress “Turkey Creek,” about a Mississippi community in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. [Producer Leah Mahan](#) will be there to answer questions about the film.
- **Saturday’s morning plenary** features [Senior Judge Thelton Henderson](#), United States District Court, Northern District of California, introducing his life-long friend [John Payton](#), President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.
- **Saturday’s lunch** includes [Doug Colbert](#), (University of Maryland School of Law) challenging the academy to infuse the entire law school curriculum with the concept of the “public citizen” found in the Preamble to the Canons of Ethics.

[Download a flyer and distribute it to colleagues.](#)

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MARCH 15 DEADLINE TO COMMENT ON ABA’S “DIVERSITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION: NEXT STEPS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The [ABA Report on Diversity in the Legal Profession: the Next Steps](#) , released in preliminary form during the Mid-Winter meeting is being finalized, and the ABA is soliciting comments on this preliminary report.

The ABA has created its Center for Racial and Ethnic Diversity as the driver of a multi-faceted approach to advance its diversity goals by promoting full and equal participation in the Association, in the legal profession, and in the justice system and by working to eliminate bias in the legal profession and the justice system.

ABA President Carolyn B. Lamm's Commission on Diversity, chaired by Oregon Court of Appeals Judge Ellen F. Rosenblum, spearheaded publication of the *Next Steps* report. The report's primary authors are a legal scholar team, led by SALT former president Professor Margaret Montoya of the University of New Mexico School of Law. The other team members include Tucker Culbertson of Syracuse Law School and SALT member Mark Tizoc Gonzalez of the University of California, Berkeley.

The ABA is soliciting your comments. We urge you to read the [Next Steps Report](#), and e-mail your thoughts to the Center at diversity@staff.abanet.org.

A final version of the report will be issued in early April, and comments received by March 15 will inform that presentation.

- Your general comments about the substance.
- Your ideas on how to broadly disseminate its content. If you think particular groups or individuals should receive it, please provide those names.
- Other information on relevant diversity research in the past five years that would be helpful to include in an addendum.

- Details about existing diversity resources that will help individuals and organizations implement these recommendations.

Should you have any questions about the work of the Center, its constituent entities, or diversity initiatives throughout the ABA, please contact staff at (312) 988-5667 or diversity@staff.abanet.org.

KNOW ANY PRACTITIONERS OR FAVORITE GRADUATES WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LAW PROFESSOR OR ADMINISTRATOR?

Sunday, March 21: San Francisco: Breaking In: A Workshop on Becoming a Law Professor, Adjunct, or Administrator, co-sponsored by SALT and Golden Gate University School of Law. \$35 registration fee. [Download a flyer and circulate.](#) [Tell folks they can register on-line.](#)

LAST CHANCE!!! REGISTER FOR TRINA GRILLO PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT—MARCH 6-7

University of Oregon School of Law is hosting this year's Trina Grillo Retreat. The exciting program has just been posted for "Globalization, Economic Justice, and Climate Change." The opening keynote address will be given by 2009 Time Magazine Environmental Hero Rizwana Hasan and the Ralph Abascal Memorial Keynote by Brent Newell of the Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment. Registration is still open and quite affordable for students and faculty. [Read More...](#)

SALT MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS

- **SALT board member [Natsu Saito has just published Meeting the Enemy: American Exceptionalism and International Law](#), NYU Press. [Read more about this new book...](#)**

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CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- ***Last Chance!!! March 15: Proposal Deadline for SALT Teaching Conference, December 10-11 in Honolulu—March 15*** [Read more...](#)
- ***April 26 Deadline for Submitting Proposals: Lat Crit XV: THE COLOR OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS: EXPLORING THE DOWNTURN FROM THE BOTTOM UP***, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO LatCrit/SALT Junior Faculty Development Workshop- October 7-8, LatCrit Conference, October 8-10, 2010 [Click here for the full call for proposals.](#)

LAW SCHOOL BOOT CAMP FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR—PROFESSOR VERNELLIA RANDALL

One of the most significant issues facing the legal profession is the representation of minorities. While American society is currently comprised of over 30% persons-of-color, the pool of lawyers remains mostly white: lawyers of color make up less than 15% of the profession. Even fewer attorneys of color are in large firms and corporations. The JD Project is dedicated to helping correct this problem by improving academic performance and increasing graduation of persons-of-color. The boot camp is a summer online bridge program designed to assure that

first year entering students have the skills necessary to achieve their personal best. The program is 150 hours starting May 28, 2010. For more information, <http://www.thejdproject.org/excelling/bootcamp/>.

NEW STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SETON HALL

[Forward this information to students interested in a new opportunity to study in the middle east.](#)

SALT MEMBERSHIP—WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

We ask that you renew your membership today so that our representation of issues within the legal academy, within the ABA, and in Congress comes from a strong progressive voice. We are about to launch the SALT blog, we have two upcoming teaching conferences, a free conference about the future of affirmative action, and another upcoming conference on alternatives to bar licensing. We can't do it without your active membership and support.

[Renew or join today.](#)