

Society of American Law Teachers—SALT

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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 presentation by [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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SALT Comments on Proposed Modifications to Standard 302

As part of the three-year comprehensive review of all of the Standards and Interpretations for Approval of Law Schools, SALT submitted comments on proposed modifications to Standard 302, involving outcome measures. [Read SALT's statement...](#)

Deadlines for Submitting Proposals

- **March 12: Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference: [OUR COUNTRY, OUR WORLD IN A “POST-RACIAL” ERA](#)**
- **March 15: SALT Teaching Conference: [TEACHING IN A TRANSFORMATIVE ERA: THE LAW SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE](#)**
- **April 26: [LatCrit XV: THE COLOR OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS: EXPLORING THE DOWNTURN FROM THE BOTTOM UP](#)**

Calendar

- **March 11-13: Los Angeles: [4th Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium](#)**
- **March 19: Washington DC: [Servicemembers Legal Defense Network Lobby Day to repeal Don't Ask Don't Tell](#)**

[For more information about transportation from the New York metropolitan area, read here.](#)

- **March 19-20: San Francisco: [Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities](#)**, co-sponsored by SALT and Golden Gate University School of Law
- **March 21: San Francisco: [Breaking In: On Becoming a Law Professor, Adjunct, or Administrator](#)**, co-sponsored by SALT and Golden Gate University School of Law, registration before Thursday, March 11 to be assured a seat.

SALT Members in the News

SALT member Catherine Smith has been appointed Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness at University of Denver, Sturm College of Law. Congratulations, Catherine!!!

Former SALT co-president Holly Maguigan interviewed regarding allegations that New York Governor David Paterson tried to influence the abandonment of a domestic violence claim against a top aide. [Click here to read the AP article.](#)

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.