

## History & Purpose:

**Using the experiences of Black women law faculty as a framework, the Lutie A. Lytle Law Workshop (the “Lytle Workshop”) provides guidance, support, and feedback on works-in-progress, career trajectories, and plans for aspiring and current law faculty. Although the Workshop’s primary focus is legal scholarship, it also offers opportunities for mentoring, career support, and fellowship.**



The Lytle Workshop is held annually each summer:

- 2024: Duke University School of Law, hosted by Professor Trina Jones
- 2023: Penn State Dickinson Law, hosted by Dean Danielle M. Conway
- 2022: Boston University School of Law, hosted by Dean Angela Onwuachi-Willig
- 2021: Howard Law School, hosted by Dean Danielle Holley
- 2020: Howard Law School, hosted by Dean Danielle Holley (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- 2019: Penn State Law, hosted by Professor Eleanor Brown and Visiting Professor Shaakirrah Sanders
- 2018: Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, hosted by Professors Lolita Buckner Inniss and Jessica Dixon Weaver
- 2017: University of Michigan Law School, hosted by Professor Laura Beny
- 2016: 10th Annual Commemorative Workshop – University of Iowa College of Law, hosted by Professor and now Dean Angela Onwuachi-Willig
- 2015: Vanderbilt University Law School, hosted by Professor Beverly I. Moran
- 2014: University of Wisconsin Law School, hosted by Professor Tonya L. Brito
- 2013: William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, hosted by Professor Rachel J. Anderson

- 2012: Suffolk University Law School, hosted by Professors Kim M. McLaurin and Bernie D. Jones (and the first “Lytle Dean,” Camille Nelson)
- 2011: Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, hosted by Professor Asmara M. Tekle
- 2010: University of Kentucky College of Law, hosted by Professor Melynda J. Price
- 2009: Seattle University School of Law, hosted by Professor Natasha T. Martin
- 2008: Sturm College of Law at the University of Denver, hosted by Professor Catherine Smith (Denver) and Professor Jacquelyn L. Bridgeman (Wyoming) (under the name “Black Female Faculty Summer Writing Workshop”)
- 2007: University of Iowa Inaugural Workshop, hosted by founder Dean Angela Onwuachi-Willig

The Workshop was named in honor of Lutie A. Lytle, the first Black woman law professor in the United States, who began teaching at Nashville’s Central Tennessee College (CTC) in 1898. Lytle, the daughter of formerly enslaved parents, paved the way for future generations of women faculty.

Since its founding in 2007, the Lytle Workshop has provided attendees unparalleled opportunities to prepare for the legal academic job market, develop teaching and leadership skills, and refine their scholarly agendas. It offers a supportive community where participants can workshop articles, book proposals, and “ideas-in-progress.” In 2018, Professor Taja-Nia Henderson, a member of the Lutie collective, published a biographical article highlighting Lytle’s legacy and continued relevance for legal education.

Over the years, Workshop participants have published more than 1,060 articles, over 115 book chapters, and more than 40 books. Dozens have earned tenure, while many others have moved into prominent administrative roles, including nearly thirty law school deanships and senior university positions, and two university presidents. By all measurable standards, the Workshop has been a resounding success.