

AALS 2024 Annual Meeting

Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color

Friday, January 5, 2024
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Eastern Time
Location: University of DC, Level M1

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	Welcome and Introduction
12:10 PM - 12:55 PM	Session One: On Being an “Other” in the Classroom, Law School, and University
12:55 PM - 1:50 PM	Session Two: Navigating the Path to Tenure and Promotion
1:50 PM - 2:05 PM	Break
2:05 PM - 3:00 PM	Session Three: Teaching
3:00 PM - 3:55 PM	Session Four: Scholarship
3:55 PM - 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Reception (Location: George Washington University, Level M1)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program and speakers as of December 1, 2023

12:00 PM - 12:10 PM

Welcome and Introduction

Mark Alexander, Arthur J. Kania Dean and Professor of Law, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law and AALS President

José (Beto) Juárez Jr., Dean and Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law and Chair, AALS Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color

Angela C. Winfield, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Law School Admission Council

12:10 PM - 12:55 PM

Session One: On Being an “Other” in the Classroom, Law School, and University

Moderator:

José (Beto) Juárez Jr., Dean and Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law and Chair, AALS Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color
Solangel Maldonado, Eleanor Bontecou Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law

Speakers:

Robert Chang, Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law

Nadiyah Humber, Associate Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law

Tom Romero, Associate Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Being classified as “other” in the classroom, law school or university can lead to feelings of isolation. Alienation along vectors of social identity may manifest itself not only within the classroom, but also in interactions with colleagues and unacknowledged additional service obligations faculty of color often experience. In this interactive session, panelists discuss managing one’s position as an “insider-outsider” and propose strategies for thriving as a professor despite the existence of pervasive structural inequalities.

12:55 PM - 1:50 PM

Session Two: Navigating the Path to Tenure and Promotion

Moderator:

Solangel Maldonado, Eleanor Bontecou Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law

Speakers:

Jasmine Abdel-khalik, Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law

Shani King, Vice Dean and Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

Mariela Olivares, Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law

Though tenure and promotion are local and institutionally-specific processes, there are some general prescriptions and pitfalls of which it can be helpful to be aware. The speakers from myriad types of schools will share diverse insights and experiences to provide participants with practical, concrete advice on successfully navigating tenure and promotion.

1:50 PM – 2:05 PM

Break

2:05 PM – 3:00 PM

Session Three: Teaching

Moderator:

Tammi Etheridge, Associate Professor of Law, Elon University School of Law

Speakers:

Tiffany Atkins, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law

Monika Ehrman, Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Victor Quintanilla, Professor of Law and Val Nolan Faculty Fellow, Indiana University Maurer School of Law

COVID-19 greatly impacted how we teach students. This session will address a range of issues from lessons learned from the rise of expanded virtual teaching to traditional matters such as course planning and effectively engaging with students. The speakers will also address challenging aspects of teaching, such as handling difficult questions in class, teaching to the whole class, and addressing racial and social justice implications of legal doctrines.

3:00 PM – 3:55 PM

Session Four: Scholarship

Moderator:

José (Beto) Juárez Jr., Dean and Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law and Chair, AALS Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color

Speakers:

Bennett Capers, Stanley D. and Nikki Waxberg Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law

Areto Imoukhuede, Professor of Law, Florida A&M University College of Law

Bijal Shah, Associate Professor and Provost Faculty Fellow, Boston College Law School

This panel will discuss the nuts and bolts of developing a scholarly agenda and producing impactful legal scholarship. Topics will include selecting topics, establishing a research base, getting past writers' block, soliciting helpful feedback, and disseminating your work to build a scholarly reputation. Speakers will also address strategies for managing the recent backlash against Critical Race Theory and other progressive scholarly topics.

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Closing Remarks

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