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Writing Directors

Working on Our Core: Wellbeing, Equity, and Inclusion

June 16-18, 2021

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This schedule was last updated on June 16, 2021, and is subject to change. All times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

11:00-11:50 AM Welcome & Activities

Michigan Welcome & Tour

[Biennial Leadership Academy Graduation](#)

ALWD Inclusive Leadership Committee- [Cindy Archer](#) and [Fiona McKenna](#)

12:00-1:00 PM Welcome and Plenary I

Welcome

ALWD President [Katrina Lee](#)

A Conversation and Activities with Wellness Expert and Resilience Coach [Nikita Gupta](#)

Moderated by ALWD 2021 Conference Chair [Olympia Duhart](#)

2:00-2:50 Concurrent Sessions

Maize & Blue Track (50 minute presentation)

Steering the Future of the Discipline: Articulating the Threshold Concepts of Legal Writing

[Linda Berger](#), [Kirsten Davis](#), [David I.C. Thomson](#), [Kristen Tiscione](#), & [Melissa Weresh](#)

Victors Track (50 minute presentation)

Change the Narrative to Change the Profession: Narrative Psychology in Law School and Practice

[Joshua Aaron Jones](#)

Leaders & Best Track (25 minute presentations)

Don't Hide the Ball: Using Examples of Past Student Work Without Giving It All Away

[Jan Levine](#) & [Lorie Schweer](#)

Big House Track (25 minute presentations)

Facilitating FirstGen Success by Focusing on Legal Writing

Adam Eckart

Centering the Wellbeing of BIPOC Students While Addressing Issues of Racial Justice in the Classroom

Stevie Leahy & Carol Mallory

Law Quad Track (25 minute presentation)

How to Engage Non-Traditional Students in the Legal Writing Classroom

Jane Gris 

3:00-3:50 Concurrent Sessions

Maize & Blue Track (50 minute presentation)

But You're Not a Real Law Professor...

Marissa Meredith, Ann Schiavone, & Tara Willke

Victors Track (25 minute presentations)

Plug & Play Lessons: Expect the Unexpected

Dyane O'Leary & Sarah Schendel

Oops! Constructing a Lesson on Counseling Clients about Lawyer Mistakes

Liz Kukura

Big House Track (50 minute presentation)

Addressing Racial Bias by Confronting Norms in the Legal Writing Classroom

Sonya Bonneau, Sherri Keene, Susan McMahon, & Ruth Anne Robbins

Ann Arbor Track (25 minute presentation from 3:25-3:50)

Chair Yoga

Aysha Ames

Law Quad Track (25 minute presentations)

Platinum Sponsor: West Academic (3:00-3:25)- Technology and Access: How West Academic's Platform Solutions and Content can Enhance Legal Writing Instruction in the Digital Age

Platinum Sponsor: LexisNexis (3:25-3:50)- Integrated Legal Research & Writing Tools Used in Practice

4:00-5:00 PM

Social Hour with the ALWD New Directors' and New Members' Committees

New Members' Committee Chair Joy Kanwar and New Directors' Committee Chair Elizabeth De Armond

Speed Mentoring for Leadership Development

ALWD's Mentoring Emerging Leaders Sub-Committee and its co-chairs Cindy Archer and Mary-Beth Moylan

6:00-6:15 PM ALWD Awards Celebration

In between our cooking, drinks, and desserts, please join us at this short Awards celebration event!

Professor [Sherri Lee Keene](#) of Georgetown University Law Center and Professor [Nantiya Ruan](#) of University of Denver, Sturm College of Law will be presented with ALWD's inaugural Diversity Award.

ALWD and LWI will honor University of Illinois-Chicago Law School Professor [Teri McMurtry-Chubb](#), winner of the 2021 Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Legal Writing.

6:15-6:45 PM Michigan Dessert and Cocktails/Mocktails

Michigan's own [Picasso Restaurant Group](#) will walk us through creating dessert and a cocktail/mocktail. See the Opening Night Food, Fun, & Drinks tab for more details.

Thursday, June 17, 2021

11:00-11:50 AM Mindfulness Start

Crafting a Positivity Portfolio

Professor [Heidi K. Brown](#)

Guided Meditation (11:00-11:30)

Led by [Shailini George](#)

12:00-1:30 PM Plenary II

[Irma Herrera](#) performing *Why Would I Mispronounce My Own Name?*

2:00-2:50 Concurrent Sessions

Maize & Blue Track (25 minute presentations)

Confronting the Non-Neutrality of Law to Create a More Inclusive Classroom

[Margaret Hahn-Dupont](#)

From Aspiration to Action: Teaching in a Pre-Law Outreach Program

[Liz Frost](#) & [Megan McAlpin](#)

Victors Track (25 minute presentations)

Depression in Law Students: What Can You Do? What Should You Do?

[Joan Rocklin](#)

Tools for Teaching Antiracist Lawyering

[Elizabeth Bloom](#) & [Stephanie Roberts Hartung](#)

Law Quad Track (50 minute presentation)

Dinosaurs Get Schooled: Tips and Tricks to Improve Online Teaching and Ensure Equity in the Online Classroom

Katherine Brem, Catherine Cameron, Ericka Curran, Erin Donelon, Joy Herr-Cardillo, & Allison Martin

3:00-3:50 Concurrent Sessions

Maize & Blue Track (50 minute presentation)

Healing Interventions: Disrupting the Legal Writing Canon

Elizabeth Berenguer, Lucy Jewel, & Teri McMurtry-Chubb

Victors Track (50 minute presentation)

A Culture of Well-Being: Helping Students Be Well and Do Well

Heidi Brown, Olympia Duhart, Shailini Jandial George, & Rosario Lozada

Leaders & Best Track (25 minute presentations)

Empowering Women to Make Rain: The Advocacy Course as Catalyst for Authentic Business Development

Toree Randall

Hierarchies of Elitism and Gender: The Bluebook and the ALWD Guide

Steven Homer

Law Quad Track (25 minute presentation)

The Goetz Case: Lawyering about Race and Crime

Howard Bromberg

4:00-5:00 PM Social Activities

ALWD Guidebook Launch Party (4:30-5:00)

Sponsor Roundtable

Global Gathering at ALWD

Global Legal Writing Skills Committee

6:00-7:30 PM Conference “Gala” Comedy Night

*The performers have requested that you please turn your camera on if you are comfortable.

Featuring:

Andrea Coleman, Senior Trial Attorney, Comedian, and Actress



and

[Liz Glazer](#), Comedian, Writer, Actress, and Former Law Professor



Friday, June 18, 2021

11:00-11:50 AM

Yoga

Led by Dr. Andrea Bunch of [Vital Body Yoga](#)

Asian-American Legal Writing Faculty Conversation

social climate with strength and grace? This informal gathering will provide a supportive space for Asian-American professors to share ideas and experiences with each other.

12:00-1:30 PM *Plenary III*

A Conversation with Vice Provost and Law Professor at Wake Forest Kami Chavis

Moderated by ALWD President Katrina Lee

2:00-2:50 ALWD Membership Meeting

3:00-3:50 Concurrent Sessions

Maize & Blue Track (25 minute presentations)

LRW, Etc.: Our Expanding Core

Craig Smith

Put Your Own Oxygen Mask on First

Sue Liemer & Nancy Soonpaa

Victors Track (25 minute presentations)

Outside In: Lowering Outsider/Insider Barriers by Teaching to the Global Student

Eun Hee Han & Maria Termini

Leaders & Best Track (25 minute presentations)

Promoting Student Scholars: Core Values in Teaching, Equity, and Inclusion

Rebekah Hanley & Suzanne Rowe

Developing an Inclusive and Culturally Proficient Community Using “Communities of Practice” in Class and Small Breakout Groups

Cara Cunningham Warren & Christina Lockwood

Big House Track (50 minute presentation)

Surviving “On Demand” Teaching with Rigor and Compassion

Katherine Brem & Christine Rollins

4:00-4:50 PM Concurrent Sessions

Victors Track (25 minute presentations)

Section 1983 as a Vehicle for Addressing Race and the Law in the Legal Writing Classroom

Jennifer Cupar

The LRW Classroom as a Community-Centric Advocacy Incubator

Shavonnie Carthens

Leaders & Best Track (25 minute presentation)

Teaching Empathetic Judicial Writing

The Legal Writing Scholar: Maintaining Scholarly Productivity and Staying Well While Teaching Legal Writing

D'Andra Shu & Katherine Vukadin

Teaching Practices: Lessons from Health Care Providers Serving Communities Disproportionately Impacted in the COVID-19 Pandemic

Joan Foley

5:00-6:00 PM Closing Reception

