

The University of Memphis
Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
HERFF CHAIR OF EXCELLENCE 2023 SYMPOSIUM

TEACHING BIAS, CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND RACISM

IN LAW SCHOOLS

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

A Symposium Presented by Professor Demetria Frank,
Visiting Herff Chair of Excellence at the
University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

PANEL A | 9:30-10:50 AM

Implementing Standard 303(c)

This panel will explore how law programs plan to comply with ABA Standard 303(c). The panel will also discuss how to set 303 outcomes and objectives and seek suggestions from panelists on how to assess lawyer cultural proficiency.

MODERATOR



Demetria Frank

Visiting Herff Chair of Excellence, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law



Anastasia Boles

Professor of Law & Co-Director, Center for Racial Justice and Criminal Justice Reform; University of Arkansas Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law



Brant Lee

Professor of Law and Assistant Dean for Diversity and Social Justice Initiatives, University of Akron School of Law



Teri A. McMurty-Chubb

Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development & Professor of Law, University of Illinois Chicago Law School



Phyllis Taite

Professor, Oklahoma City University School of Law

PANEL B | 11 AM-12:20 PM

Bias & Cultural Competence Teaching Challenges

This panel will discuss challenges to implementing Standard 303(c) including “divisive concept” bills (the attack on critical race theory), diversity in the legal academy, political climate and COVID-19.

MODERATOR



Shavonne Henderson

Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging and Lecturer, University of Texas at Austin School of Law



Lydia Contreras

Professor, Vice-Provost for Faculty Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity, University of Texas at Austin



Matthew Murrell

Lecturer, University of Texas School of Law, Beck Center for Legal Research, Writing, & Appellate Advocacy



Jacqueline O'Bryant

Interim Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law



Terrence Reed

Managing Director of Employment Litigation at FedEx Express; Adjunct Professor at University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

PANEL C | 1-2:20 PM

Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Divisive Times

As a follow-up to the 2022 Herff Symposium, this panel will bring scholars back to engage in a discussion about their work since last year's symposium in their respective fields and probe whether there are new challenges to CRT on the horizon.

The panel will explore how teaching CRT in law schools (and more broadly) has been impacted and how legal scholars and lawyers should address CRT challenges when there are now clear professional obligations to explore CRT-related topics in law schools.

MODERATOR



Darrell Jackson

2022 Visiting Herff Chair of Excellence, Associate Professor at University of Wyoming College of Law



Atiba Ellis

Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law



Areto Imoukhuede

Professor of Law, FAMU College of Law



Jamila Jefferson

Earl B. Shurtz Research Professor and Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, University of Kansas School of Law



Christian Powell Sundquist

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