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ortheastern University School of Law is privileged to host one of 19 regional Equal Justice Colloquia being held around the country in conjunction with the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Equal Justice Project. In this centennial anniversary year of the AALS, the organization's president, Elliott Milstein, has launched this ambitious project with a grant from the Open Society Institute. The goals are:

- To develop models that can be used in different law school settings with various levels of resources to encourage teaching, scholarship and service activities that support the provision of legal services to underrepresented groups.
- To establish formal relationships between law schools and equal justice communities aimed at promoting ongoing support for legal services to underserved individuals, groups and communities.
- To stimulate throughout the entire law school community – in non-clinical courses, library programs, pro bono projects, etc. – crosscutting interest in and commitment to provision of legal services to underserved individuals, groups and communities.
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the variety of models and approaches that emerge from the project with the goal of creating sustained commitments to equal justice education, scholarship and work in law schools on the national and local levels.
- To encourage collaboration among law schools and their faculties in addressing the pressing issues and themes considered in the colloquia.

Attendance is open to all law faculty, administrators, librarians, practitioners and law students who desire to enhance their teaching, scholarship and service by grounded involvement in their communities, states or regions. There is no cost associated with attending the conference; however, **space is limited to 100 people. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Detailed information about the AALS national conference and regional colloquia may be found at [www.aals.org/equaljustice](http://www.aals.org/equaljustice).



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# Schedule

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THE CONFERENCE BEGINS AT THE EGAN CENTER AT 120 FORSYTH STREET • DIRECTIONS TO OTHER LOCATIONS WILL BE POSTED THERE

**8:00 - 8:30 a.m.** Check in and Continental Breakfast

**8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** Welcome:

Dean Roger I. Abrams, Northeastern University School of Law and Minna J. Kotkin, AALS Equal Justice Steering Committee

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** Convocation:  
**Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Equal Justice**

*The Problem:*

Lonnie Powers, Director of the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation and principal author of *Equal Access to Justice*

*Interdisciplinary Perspectives:*

Barry Bluestone, Stearns Trustee Professor, Northeastern University, and co-author of *The Boston Renaissance*

Thomas M. Shapiro, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University, and co-author of *Black Wealth/White Wealth*

Randy Albelda, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Boston, and co-author of *The War on the Poor*

**10:00 - 10:40 a.m.** Introducing Innovations from Around New England

The moderators of the morning small group discussions will briefly introduce their own programs, focusing on both the substantive needs addressed and the ways they have chosen to address them.

**11:00 - 12:15 p.m.** Small Group Discussions:  
**Substantive Needs and Opportunities**

Can we think more creatively about who needs assistance in gaining access to justice – in what substantive arenas and through what means? Can we be more imaginative in finding ways for law schools to contribute?

***Criminal Law and Procedure***

Coordinated by Eva Nilsen, Boston University School of Law

***Housing and Economic Development***

Coordinated by Jeanne Charn, Harvard Law School

***Family Law/Domestic Violence***

Coordinated by Ilene Seidman, Harvard Law School

***Health/Education/Welfare***

Coordinated by Russell Engler, New England School of Law

***Immigration/Globalization***

Coordinated by Daniel Kanstroom, Boston College Law School

**12:15 - 1:45 p.m.** Lunch and Poster Session

An opportunity to continue the morning's discussion in an informal context, and to expand our awareness of innovative education, research and service programs in the region by enjoying the visual displays provided by participating schools.

**2:00 - 3:15 p.m.**

**Small Group Discussions: Approaches**

Regardless of substantive area, how do you see yourself, or your institution, responding most effectively to the equal justice challenge? Will it be through innovation in the curriculum, individual research or collaboration with practitioners and others in your community? Can you imagine bringing human and financial resources together through the mechanism of a center or institute? Choose the group that will allow you to explore a promising avenue of opportunity.

***Networks, Formal and Informal***

Coordinated by James V. Rowan, Northeastern University School of Law

***Innovations in the Curriculum***

Coordinated by Dean Robert H. Smith, Suffolk University Law School

***Scholarship/Research Opportunities***

Coordinated by Lucy A. Williams, Northeastern University School of Law

***Institutes and Centers***

Coordinated by Lois H. Kanter and Dennis J. Wright, Northeastern University School of Law

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Final Plenary: Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

Through guided discussion, colloquium participants will develop inventories of what they, and their institutions, bring to the equal justice challenge, and identify realistic opportunities for future engagement.

*Closing Remarks:* Robert E. Hirshon, President Elect, American Bar Association, and David Hall, Provost, Northeastern University

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Reception: Egan Center**

# Registration

The conference is free. Space is limited to 100. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please indicate which small group discussions you plan to attend:

**11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Choose One)**

- Criminal Law and Procedure*  
 *Housing and Economic Development*  
 *Family Law/Domestic Violence*  
 *Health/Education/Welfare*  
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TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION/FIRM/AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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NAMES OF ADDITIONAL PEOPLE YOU ARE REGISTERING: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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# Information

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

We are pleased to offer the services of Northeastern University's travel agency, Navigant Travel. Please call Dennis Lewis at Navigant Travel, and identify yourself as a conference attendee. A team dedicated to the Northeastern corporate account will assist you in booking an area hotel. Navigant Travel can offer substantial savings on Boston-area accommodations. 800.370.6664, ext. 4144 (outside Massachusetts) 617.451.4200, ext. 4144 (within Massachusetts)

## SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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## DIRECTIONS

Northeastern University is accessible by subway via the Green Line of the MBTA. From downtown Boston, take an "E" train outbound to the Northeastern stop, the first stop above ground. The campus can also be reached from downtown via the Orange Line by taking any train going outbound to Forest Hills and getting off at Ruggles Station. Commuter rail lines connect with the Orange Line at Back Bay Station and North Station. The Egan Center is located at 120 Forsyth Street, adjacent to the Ruggles Station. Parking is available at meters on Huntington Avenue and in the university's parking garage at 795 Columbus Avenue.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact Gertrude Hilton-Kitt at 617.373.4933 or via e-mail at g.hilton-kitt@nuset.neu.edu.