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# 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

January 3 – 6, 2018 | San Diego, California


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## WORKSHOP FOR PRETENURED LAW SCHOOL TEACHERS OF COLOR

January 6, 2018 | Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina

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**Welcome to San Diego  
for the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
of the Association of  
American Law Schools**

## **Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color**

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### **Why Attend?**

Many minority law professors embark upon a career as a law teacher to have a positive impact upon students, to pursue justice and to transform the legal system to improve lives and communities. They discover that they face special challenges in the legal academy, starting from their first day of teaching. At this workshop, diverse panels of experienced and successful law professors will talk about their goals and achievements as law teachers and legal scholars and offer ways to successfully meet these challenges as they arise in the context of scholarship, teaching, service, and the tenure process. By bringing together faculty who are navigating similar career paths, the workshop will facilitate development of relationships that can provide long-term sources of support.

### **Who Should Attend?**

The workshop will be of interest to all minoritized law school teachers who are navigating the tenure process and looking for guidance and encouragement. This includes professors who have not yet had a mid-probationary or retention review and professors who have passed the mid-probationary or retention review but are not yet tenured.

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**AALS would like to thank the Law School  
Admission Council for their generous grant in  
support of this Workshop.**

Photo courtesy Joanne DiBona, SanDiego.org



# Registration

We are looking forward to an exciting 112<sup>th</sup> Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA! Registration is now open.

This page will guide you through registration for the Annual Meeting and list ticketed events you may want to add. You will also find deadlines for registration, pricing, and information on the cancellation policy. Speakers and attendees at the Annual Meeting are required to pay the registration rates to attend any sessions, as outlined below.

## Registration Deadlines

Deadline	Registration Rate
November 17, 2017	Early Bird
December 31, 2017	Advanced
January 6, 2018	On-Site

## Registration Rates

**Full Meeting** (Wednesday, January 3 – Saturday, January 6, 2018)

As a Full Meeting registrant, you will have access to all Annual Meeting programs, including Association of American Law Schools and Section programs, panels, receptions, and other programming. Ticketed events must be purchased separately.

Member & Fee Paid Law Schools	Early Bird	Advanced	On-Site
Faculty/Staff	\$515	\$565	\$615
New Tenure-Track Law School Faculty (0-3 Yrs.)	\$260	\$310	\$360
Emeritus/Retired Faculty	\$260	\$310	\$360

Non-Member Law Schools & Organizations	Early Bird	Advanced	On-Site
Faculty/Staff	\$565	\$615	\$665
International Law Schools: Faculty	\$515	\$565	\$615

Additional Registration Types	Early Bird	Advanced	On-Site
Non-Law Faculty Spouse/Partner	\$35	\$35	\$35

Program for Section on Institutional Advancement* Thursday, January 4 – Friday, January 5, 2018	Early Bird	Advanced	On-Site
Member & Fee-Paid Law Schools	\$420	\$455	\$505
Non-Member Law Schools	\$455	\$480	\$530

\* The Institutional Advancement rate is limited to use by law school Professional Staff, and only includes sessions from this two-day program within the Annual Meeting. Full-time law school faculty are not eligible for this rate. Ticketed events and Spouse/Partner registrations cannot be added to this rate

## Ticketed Events

Purchase of these events are limited to 1 ticket per Full Meeting registrant, with the option to purchase a second if a Spouse/Partner registration is included. However, Section Field Trips have a limit of only 1 ticket per Full Meeting registrant. Additional tickets may be available on site, but these limited seating events are primarily reserved for law school faculty members.

Space for meal events is limited, so we recommend the advance purchase of your section meal ticket. Tickets will be for sale on site until the close of business the day before each meal is scheduled, subject to availability. To remain compliant with Payment Card Industry Association standards, no tickets will be sold at the door of ticketed events.

## Ways to Register and Forms of Payment

Register online using our convenient Individual or Group Registration systems; pay with Visa, MasterCard, or AMEX. You may also register by check or credit card using a paper registration form. To ensure the security of payment information in accordance with Payment Card Industry Association standards, email registration is no longer available. For more information on all methods of registration please visit the [Registration FAQ page](#).

## Email Confirmations

For online registrations, email confirmations are automatically generated and generally received within a few minutes. For paper forms, including mailed check payments, email confirmations will be sent after the check arrives and the registration process has been completed.

## Spouse/Partner Registration

Your guest may use this rate as long as they are not law school faculty, staff, retired/emeritus, or a law student. Select ticketed events are also open to spouse/partner registrants with the purchase of an additional ticket, while others are limited to only law school faculty/staff.

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be made in writing and submitted no later than December 15, 2017. A refund of all registration fees, minus a \$50 processing fee, will be issued to these requests. Cancellations received after this date, as well as no-shows to the Annual Meeting, are not eligible to receive refunds of registration fees. Cancellation requests can be made by email to [registration@aals.org](mailto:registration@aals.org) or regular mail to: Association of American Law Schools Registration, c/o Erick Brown, 1614 20<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Registration substitutions are welcome, and can be submitted up until January 2, 2018. Instructions for submitting your request are available on the Registration section of the FAQ page.

# Financial Assistance

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The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) has generously made available some funds to assist faculty who would like to attend the Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color at the 2018 Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

**Funds are limited to assisting untenured faculty who would not otherwise be able to attend the Workshop.**

Faculty who qualify for assistance may request reimbursement support in several categories including:

1. The registration fee (which also enables the faculty member to attend the Annual Meeting);
2. Economy airfare;
3. Ground transportation to/from the airport;
4. Up to 2 nights at either the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina or the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego;
5. Meals up to \$50 per day for up to 2 days.

If there are more funds requested than available, successful applicants may be offered less than 100% of the amount requested. Please consider how you can keep costs down (e.g. sharing rooms), so we're able to help as many faculty as possible. Interested faculty should complete [this application](#) by September 15, 2017.

Applicants will be notified by September 30, 2017.



# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (AS OF JULY 31, 2017)

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Saturday, January 6, 2018 - Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina

*AALS would like to thank the Law School Admission Council for their generous grant in support of this workshop.*

8:45 am – 9 am

## Introduction and Welcome

Elizabeth H. Patterson, Associate Director,  
Association of American Law Schools  
Alfred D. Mathewson, University of New Mexico  
School of Law, and Chair, AALS Workshop  
for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color  
Kent D. Lollis, Executive Director for Diversity  
Initiatives, Law School Admission Council

9 am – 9:45 am

PLENARY SESSION

## Success Stories: Now That I Have Tenure, What Are My Accomplishments and Triumphs as a Law Professor

### Moderator:

Alfred D. Mathewson, University of New Mexico  
School of Law, and Chair, AALS Workshop  
for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color

### Speakers:

Khaled A. Beydoun, University of Detroit Mercy  
School of Law  
Ming Hsu Chen, University of Colorado Law  
School  
Jessica Dixon Weaver, Southern Methodist  
University, Dedman School of Law

This panel will focus on success stories of tenured law professors. Speakers will talk about why they chose to become law professors, and share their accomplishments and triumphs as law teachers and legal scholars. Topics may include great classes, teaching effectiveness, law school or

university curriculum and policy changes, student mentoring and guidance, publications, conference presentations, op-eds, blogs, community service projects, and awards for teaching, scholarship or service, or community recognition. Panelists may place these topics on a timeline, i.e. prior to the mid-probationary review, post-mid-probationary review and post-tenure.

9:45 am – 10:30 am

PLENARY SESSION

## Navigating the Path to Tenure and Promotion

### Moderator:

Stacy L. Leeds, University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, Robert A. Leflar Law Center

### Speakers:

Kami Chavis, Wake Forest University School of Law  
Brian Gallini, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville,  
Robert A. Leflar Law Center  
Elizabeth A. Kronk Warner, University of Kansas  
School of Law

Speakers will focus their remarks on how to successfully navigate the tenure and promotion process. Topics will include how to balance scholarship with teaching and service, how to build an external network of support, and how to overcome common obstacles often encountered by teacher-scholars of color. This session is intended to provide participants with practical, concrete advice about how to set a scholarly agenda, to manage internal and external reviews, and to position one's self for success. In the

context of this discussion, speakers will identify things they came to know post-tenure that they wish they had known pre-tenure.

10:30 am – 10:45 am

## Refreshment Break

10:45 am – noon

## Small Group Discussions on Scholarship Part I

This small group session, to be facilitated by plenary speakers, will enable participants to explore and discuss more fully issues raised by the preceding plenary session.

## Establishing External and Internal Networks of Support

Why is it important to develop and maintain professional relationships with teachers and scholars outside of your home institution? What are some tips and strategies for developing and maintaining these connections? What are some tips and strategies for developing and maintaining professional relationships inside your home institution?

## Conferences, Colloquia and Workshops

Conferences provide opportunities to present your work but which conferences should you attend? How can colloquia and workshop series enhance your scholarship?

### **Interpreting the Retention Letter**

The purpose of the retention review is to determine whether a tenure-track faculty member is on track for tenure. What should you do if your review is successful but you are informed of weaknesses or areas of concern? What should you do if the review is glowing?

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm

### **Lunch on your own**

1:45 pm – 3 pm

### **Small Group Discussions on Scholarship Part II**

This small group session, to be facilitated by plenary speakers, will enable participants to discuss issues related to scholarship. These issues might include (but are not limited to):

### **Developing a Scholarly Agenda**

With whom should you discuss and share your work? What are some useful guidelines for selecting a topic, developing a writing schedule and completing the article, essay or book? Why is it important to read and cite other major contributors in the area in which you write?

### **Building a Scholarly Reputation**

Why is it important? What are some strategies to enhance opportunities to present your work at conferences and external faculty workshops? Is it worthwhile to cultivate a social media presence? How op-eds may support your scholarly reputation.

### **Miscellaneous Group Discussion**

This group discussion will address any other questions not covered by the other groups. Topics may include how to best use research assistants;

how to create and capitalize on synergies between teaching and scholarship; how to determine when you should say “no” to various administrative requests and other requests.

3 pm – 3:15 pm

### **Refreshment Break**

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

#### **PLENARY SESSION**

### **Teaching and Service: Overcoming Challenges, Realizing Opportunities**

#### **Moderator:**

Rose Cuison Villazor, University of California, Davis, School of Law

#### **Speakers:**

Robert S. Chang, Seattle University School of Law  
Matthew L.M. Fletcher, Michigan State University College of Law

Melissa E. Murray, University of California, Berkeley School of Law

This final session will focus on teaching and service. With regard to teaching, law professors of color often report special challenges in the classroom stemming from dynamics that are hard to spot and to know how to address. This session will identify specific issues that may be of concern. How do I deal with difficult students? How do I ensure diverse participation in the classroom? How should I address the various differences among students—including racial, sexual orientation, or gender differences — and differences between students and myself? Speakers will offer some advice on how to plan and to facilitate classroom teaching in both large and small courses, and to be a more effective teacher.

With regard to service, new law teachers unexpectedly realize that they must provide service to their school, university, profession,

and community as outlets for their academic and non-academic passions and interests. How do you approach the third prong of the tripartite journey toward tenure? How does one determine which service obligation to prioritize? Speakers will explain how service may be viewed as a gateway to learning about, and being active and influential in, the operation of your school and provides an opportunity to interact with your colleagues—and for them to interact with you—to build strong personal and professional relationships; Speakers will also illustrate the ways in which the power resides with you to transform your service obligations, create your own service opportunities, and follow your passion in order to develop and extend your areas of expertise and your networks at the same time.

### **Planning Committee for the 2018 Workshop for Pretenured Law School Teachers of Color**

Stacy L. Leeds, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Robert A. Leflar Law Center

Alfred D. Mathewson, University of New Mexico School of Law, **Chair**  
Rose Cuison Villazor, University of California, Davis School of Law



# Hotel Information

The AALS 2018 Annual Meeting will be held in San Diego at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.

## Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina (AALS Headquarter Hotel)

333 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101-7700

**Room rates:** \$165 single occupancy/\$170 double occupancy

**Check-in time:** 4 pm | **Check-out time:** 11 am

**High-Speed Internet:** Marriott Rewards members enjoy complimentary basic guest room Wi-Fi. To register for Marriott Rewards, visit <http://www.marriott.com/rewards/rewards-program.mi> to sign up for a Rewards account at no cost.

**Fitness Center:** The Marriott provides complimentary use of the fitness center for guests. Open 24 hours; accessible with guest room key.

### Onsite Dining:

#### Marina Kitchen Restaurant & Bar:

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner,  
6:30 am – 1:30 am

**Tequila Bar & Grille:** Lunch and  
Dinner, 11 am – 7 pm

**Roy's Restaurant:** Lunch and Dinner,  
Mon-Thurs, 11:30 am – 10 pm;  
Fri-Sat 11:30 am – 11 pm;  
Sun 11:30 am – 9 pm

**Exchange:** Breakfast, Lunch, and  
Dinner, Open 24 Hours, Delivery ends  
12 am

**Starbucks:** 5 am – 5 pm

AALS has also negotiated a discounted rate on guest rooms at the Manchester Grand Hyatt and the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. The Hyatt will host some AALS programs and meals as well as law school and other organization events.

## Manchester Grand Hyatt

One Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101

**Room rates:** \$165 single occupancy/\$170 double occupancy

**Check-in time:** 4 pm | **Check-out time:** 12 pm

**High-Speed Internet:** AALS registrants will enjoy complimentary basic guest room Wi-Fi.

**Fitness Center:** Open 24 hours

### Hyatt's Onsite Dining:

**Sally's Fish House & Bar:** a waterfront,  
wood fired seafood grill. Lunch  
11:30 am – 2:30 pm;

Tapas happy hour 2:30 pm – 5:30  
pm; Dinner 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Seaview Breakfast Buffet Restaurant:**  
indoor, outdoor, and private dining  
options, 6:30 am – 11 am

**Redfield's Sports Bar:** lunch, dinner,  
cocktails, and micro-brews

**Top of the Hyatt:** 40<sup>th</sup> floor lounge with  
incredible views, cocktails, and light  
fare, 3 pm - close

**Grand Lobby Bar:** cocktails, light fare,  
and live music, 3 pm - close

**MARKET | ONE:** on-the-go options  
and Starbucks® coffee, open 24 hours

**Pool Bar & Grill:** Seasonal

## Hilton San Diego Bayfront

1 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101

**Room rates:** \$165 single occupancy/\$170 double occupancy

**Check-in time:** 3 pm | **Check-out time:** 12 pm

**High-Speed Internet:** Hilton Honors members enjoy complimentary standard guest room Wi-Fi. To register for Hilton Honors, visit [www.hiltonhonors.com](http://www.hiltonhonors.com) to sign up for an Honors account at no cost.

**Fitness Center:** Open daily from  
5:30 am – 10 pm

**Spa:** Open daily 8 am – 8 pm

### Onsite Dining:

**Vela:** Breakfast 6:30 am – 11 am; Lunch  
(Fri-Sun) 11 am – 2 pm; Dinner 5:30  
pm – 10 pm

#### Fox Sports Grill:

Mon-Thurs 11 am – 11 pm;  
Fri-Sat 11 am – 11:30 pm;  
Sun 9 am – 11 pm

**The Pool Club:** 11 am – 8 pm

**Starbucks:** 5:30 am - 6 pm

Taxes are not included in the room rates. There is a 12.75% occupancy tax plus \$.60 per night tourism tax.



## Reservations

After you register for the meeting, you will receive a confirmation email from AALS with a link to book a hotel reservation online. The hotels for the Annual Meeting will only accept reservations made through our selected housing service, Experient, via the specialized link in the email. The AALS office is not involved in the hotel booking process. Reservations will be accepted only through online booking.

If you do not receive your hotel booking email, please contact AALS Registration at (202) 296-2355 or email [registration@aals.org](mailto:registration@aals.org). If you received your hotel booking email but have difficulty booking your reservation online, contact Experient at [aals@experient-inc.com](mailto:aals@experient-inc.com).

Experient will email a confirmation within 72 hours of processing your reservation.

## Deadline

Hotel reservations should be made by 5pm ET on December 20, 2017. If you have not made your reservation by December 20, please visit [www.aals.org/am2018/](http://www.aals.org/am2018/) for instructions about hotel availability and how to reserve a sleeping room.

## Arrival and Departure

Please provide your arrival and departure information when making your reservation. Rooms are available as early as December 30, 2017 and as late as January 8, 2018. However, only a few rooms are available at the AALS discounted room rate at either end of this period.

## Occupants in Room

If sharing rooms, please designate one person to make the reservation. List all occupants including children and their ages. Children under the age of 18 may stay free of charge in parent's room. There is an additional charge of \$20 per person for more than two people sharing a room for people over the age of 18. You will need to notify the hotel at check in if any of the guests in your room are under the age of 18 and exempt from the extra person charge.

## Accessibility Accommodations

If anyone in the room needs an access-related accommodation, please indicate the accommodations needed when making your hotel reservation.

## Credit Card Guarantee

A valid credit card with an expiration date of January 2018 or later is required to secure your room reservation. Credit cards will not be processed prior to your arrival. Your credit card will be charged one night's stay plus tax if you fail to cancel before 6 pm on the day of arrival or if you fail to check in on your scheduled arrival date.

## Reserving a Suite

The booking website includes brief descriptions of suites available at each hotel.

## Modifications and Cancellations

Reservations may be changed or cancelled after receiving your confirmation email from Experient. Prior to December 20 at 5 pm

ET, please make changes and cancellations using the online housing reservation link or send an email to the address provided in the confirmation. Cancellations will not be accepted by phone. For changes or cancellations after December 20, please wait until December 26 and call the hotel directly.

## Beware of Housing Pirates and Poachers!

In the past, registrants have sometimes been contacted with offers for cut-rate housing. The intent is to convince you that the offer is made on behalf of AALS, or that the soliciting company is a viable alternative to Experient. This is not true. Housing for the Annual Meeting is handled exclusively by Experient, through online booking only once you have registered for the Annual Meeting.

When AALS secures sleeping rooms at hotels for our Annual Meeting (commonly referred to as room blocks), we research the properties to make certain that our attendees will be adequately accommodated. The room block is established to ensure that sleeping rooms meet our standards and are offered at the discounted price.

Don't be misled! If you are contacted by anyone asking if you need a room for the Annual Meeting, please do not make a reservation or provide a method of payment. We ask that you get as much information as you can about the caller and pass it on to Mary Cullen, Associate Director of Meetings, at [mcullen@aals.org](mailto:mcullen@aals.org).

# AALS Calendar

## 2018

### **Conference on Clinical Legal Education**

Sunday, April 29 – Wednesday, May 2  
Chicago, IL

### **Workshop for New Law School Teachers**

Thursday, June 7 – Saturday, June 9  
Washington, DC

### **Faculty Recruitment Conference**

Thursday, October 11 – Saturday, October 13  
Washington, DC

## 2019

### **Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, January 2 – Sunday, January 6  
New Orleans, LA

### **Conference on Clinical Legal Education**

Friday, May 3 – Tuesday, May 7  
San Francisco, CA

### **Faculty Recruitment Conference**

Thursday, October 3 – Saturday, October 5  
Washington, DC



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