

ClassCrits VIII -- Emerging Coalitions: Challenging the Structures of Inequality University of Tennessee College of Law - Oct. 23-24, 2015

Friday, October 23, 2015 8:30 a.m.

Check-In, Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Room 132

Welcome – Dean Melanie Wilson, University of Tennessee College of Law

Opening Remarks – Wendy Bach & Lucy Jewel, ClassCrits VIII Organizing Committee Co-Chairs

Overview of ClassCrits - Athena Mutua, SUNY Buffalo Law School

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Room 132

Opening Plenary: Current Uprisings and Movements in the United States and Prospects for Coalition Building

A panel of local activists will share their stories about their movements, their attempts to build solidarity and coalitions, and the barriers that obstruct their efforts.

- Chair, Nicole C. Lee, Founder, Black Movement Law Project, Washington D.C.
- Ash-Ley Henderson, Concerned Citizens for Justice & Project South, Chattanooga Tennessee
- Amelia Parker, Black Lives Matter, Knoxville
- Corrine Rovetti & Dana Asbury, Healthy and Free Tennessee
- Lauren Bonds, SEIU Legal Fellow, Washington D.C.

10:45 - break



Friday, October 23, 2015

11:00-12:00 - Room 132

Structural Inequality: Food, Dignity, & Culture

Chair, Becky Jacobs, University of Tennessee College of Law

Marc Tizoc-Gonzalez, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami – Cultivating Solidarity: Understanding the Radical Potential of Sharing Food in Public

Angela Harris, U.C. Davis School of Law – Land, Labor, Race, and Money: The Color of Farming

Jaime Alison Lee, University of Baltimore School of Law, Community Development Clinic – Legal Dignity, Reformation, and the Poor

Olufunmailayo B. Arewa, U.C. Irvine School of Law – Copyright and African-American Culture

12:00-1:15 Lunch

Keynote Speaker, Fran Ansley, Professor Emerita, University of Tennessee College of Law

1:15 p.m. -2:15 p.m. - Room 132

Responses to the Corporatization of Higher Education—Roundtable Discussion
This roundtable will focus on ways to combat the increasing role that corporate interests
and business thinking is playing in higher education, contributing to trends such as the
"adjunctivication" of higher education, the increased vulnerability of university staff
members, the erosion of higher education funding from state legislatures, a changing
view of the role of the university, and other related issues.

- Chair, Lucy Jewel, University of Tennessee College of Law
- Cassie Waters (United Campus Workers)
- Amanda Carr-Wilcoxson Pellissippi State Community College
- Bob Hutton University of Tennessee, History Department
- Tom Anderson University of Tennessee, Facilities Services



Friday, October 23, 2015		
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.		
Room 132	Room 136	
Building With Power: Developing a	Criminal Justice Reform & the	
Pedagogy of Community (Beneficiary)	Clemency Movement	
Accountability in the Representation of	This panel discusses the intersection of	
Social Justice Non-Profit Organizations	clemency work with bourgeoning criminal	
This panel will present an interdisciplinary	justice efforts through scholarship,	
approach to incorporating models of	legislative advocacy, and clinical casework.	
community or beneficiary accountability in		
law school clinics representing social		
justice organizations.		
 Amber Baylor, Widener University School of Law, Veterans Law Clinic Bethany Bingham, The Pratt Institute, Graduate Center for Planning Daria Fisher Page, Georgetown University Law Center Courtney Stewart, The Re-Entry Network for Returning Citizens 	 Valena Beety, West Virginia University College of Law JaneAnne Murray, University of Minnesota Law School Joy Radice, University of Tennessee College of Law Adam Stevenson, University of Wisconsin Law School Mary Tate, University of Richmond Law School 	



Friday, October 23, 2015	
3:45 p.m 4:45 p.m.	
Room 132	Room 136
Community, Coalition, and its	International Dimensions – Globalism,
Possibilities	Neoliberalism, Austerity
Chair, Valorie Vojdik, University of	Chair, Karla McKanders, University of
Tennessee College of Law	Tennessee College of Law
Michael L. Haber, Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hofstra University – CED After #OWS: Anti-Authoritarian Activists and the New Community Institutions	Steven Ramirez, Loyola Law School, Chicago – Austerity and the Greek Debt Crisis
Yxta Maya Murray, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles – Community Engagement and the Fight Against Poverty	Ernesto Hernandez, Chapman University School of Law –The Undocumented Migrant as Investor: NAFTA Arbitrations to Contest Immigration Policies
Kenneth A. Stahl, Chapman University School of Law – The Challenge of Inclusion	Chaumtoli Hut, Law at the Margins – Developing Enforceable Workers' Rights Models in the Global South
Scott Cummings, UCLA Law School, Preemptive Strike – Law in the Campaign for Clean Trucks	

5:00-6:00 - Room 132

The Black Lives Matter Movement

In this roundtable discussion, activists involved in the Black Lives Matter movement will share their experiences about the birth and growth of the BLM movement and discuss strategies for pushing the movement forward.

- Chair, Angela Harris, U.C. Davis School of Law
- Nicole C. Lee, Founder, Black Movement Law Project, Washington D.C.
- Ash-Ley Henderson, Concerned Citizens for Justice & Project South, Chattanooga Tennessee
- Coy Kindred, Black Lives Matter, Knoxville
- Andre Canty, Black Lives Matter, Knoxville

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Reception at The Square Room, 4 Market Square, Downtown Knoxville



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8:45 a.m., Continental Breakfast	
9:15 a.m10:30 a.m Room 132	
Inequality, Meritocracy, & Mythology	ClassCrits Critiques of Traditional
Chair, Lucy Jewel, University of Tennessee	Economic Theories
College of Law	Chair, René Reich-Graefe, Western New England Law School
Jonathan Glater, University of California,	Martha T. McCluskey, SUNY Buffalo Law
Irvine School of Law – The Regulation of Higher Education Opportunity	School – Law, Economics, & the Constitution
Goldburn P. Maynard, University of Louisville, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law – What is America's "Ideal Vision" for the Distribution of Wealth	F.E. Guerra-Pujol, University of Central Florida – The Prisoner's Dilemma and the Coase Theorem: A Critical Thought-Experiment
Thomas Kleven, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of	Matthew Titolo, University of West Virginia School of Law – Privatizing
Law – Why We Are ClassCrits, What Do We Want, and How Do We Get There	Utopia: Infrastructure in Late Liberalism
	Julie Nice, University of San Francisco
James G. Wilson, Cleveland-Marshall	College of Law – Rationing Rationality
College of Law – Developing Compassion	and Rationalizing Irrationality
to Erode the Divide Between the Secular Left and the Religious Right	
10:30-10:45 – Break	

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Room 132

Gender, Race, & Criminal Justice

Chair, Wendy Bach, University of Tennessee College of Law

Kathryn A. Sabbeth, UNC School of Law - Gideon's Sister

Deborah Weissman, UNC School of Law – Countering Neoliberalism and Aligning Solidarities: Rethinking Domestic Violence Advocacy

Janet Moore, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Marla Sandys, Indiana University, Bloomington, & Raj Jayadev, Silicon Valley De-Bug – Make Them Hear You: Participatory Defense and the Struggle for Criminal Justice Reform



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12:00-1:15 – lunch

Junior Works In Progress Sessions

1. Room 136. Christine P. Bartholomew, Buffalo Law School, The Inferiority of Superiority Commentator: Valorie Vojdik, University of Tennessee College of Law

To certify a class action for monetary relief, a court must decide a class is "superior to alternative methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the controversy." Although this "superiority" requirement has been a central feature of class actions for fifty years, its interpretation has gone unstudied. This Article is the first to systematically survey judicial application of the requirement. It reveals that, in practice, superiority has morphed into a judicial tool used to decide certification based on subjective valuations.

2. Room 338. Brendan Conner, Streetwise and Safe, 'Quality-of-Land Policing:' The Emerging Order-Maintenance Architecture of Civil Enforcement Commentator: Lucy Jewel, University of Tennessee College of Law

Focuses on an emergent form of order-maintenance policing by which police forces integrate civil attorneys at the precinct-level, with the authority to prosecute an array of "civil enforcement" actions such as nuisance abatement, seizure, forfeiture, eviction, and license revocation. This innovation allows police to avoid the criminal-procedural protections afforded to criminal defendants, as well as the higher burden of proof prosecutors are held to in criminal cases

3. Room 339. Elizabeth Ford, Seattle University Law School, Leverage: Cultivating Our Better Natures

Commentator: Veena Dubal, Hastings Law School

Argues that our workplace negotiation structure must evolve past the point of negative leverage and toward a more sophisticated understanding of dispute resolution. The essay sets forth current theories of negotiation and of dispute system design and argue that they should be imported intentionally into the fabric of collective bargaining regulation. Argues that because it is so well established that these theories of negotiation are far more effective than a pure distributive approach, the duty to bargain should be read to require their use.

4. Room 341. Neil Sobol, Texas A&M Law School, The Perils and Pitfalls of Profit-Based Policing

Commentator: Deborah Weissman, UNC School of Law

The Department of Justice's March 2015 report on of the Ferguson Police Department paints a disturbing picture of public officials more concerned with collecting revenue than protecting and serving the public. Presentation analyzes the perils and pitfalls of profit-based policing and addresses methods to shift the focus of the criminal-justice system from profit to service.

5. Room 342. Rohan Grey, Columbia Law School, How Can Something Borrow Its Own Debt? Commentator: Steven Ramirez, Lovola Law School, Chicago

Analyzes the "trillion dollar coin" proposal that emerged during the debt-ceiling crisis of 2012, including a discussion of foundational constitutional and administrative law issues; issues relating to accounting standards, statutory interpretation, and bureaucratic accountability; and macroeconomic issues, ranging from lowly engineering-esque payments processing, through to fiscal/monetary policy dynamics, and more broadly, the role of social perception in the ontology of money.

Fiscal policy, social perception of money, economics.

6. Room 135. Stacy-Ann Elvy, New York Law School, Commercial Law in the Age of the Internet of Things: Article 2 of the UCC and Beyond

Commentator: Danni Hart, Southwestern University College of Law

Explores how the UCC interacts with commerce relating to the Internet of Things -- a network of products, systems and platforms connected through embedded or wearable devices that collect, store and communicate with other devices to maximize efficiency.



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1:30 p.m2:30 p.m.	
Room 132	Room 136
Identity and Intersectionality Chair, Athena Mutua, SUNY Buffalo Law	The Corporation and Beyond: Capturing Precarity and its Possibilities
School School	Chair, Matthew Titolo, University of West Virginia School of Law
Khalad Beydoun, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law – The Many Faces of Hate: The Distinct Forms of Anti-Arab Bigotry and Violence	Timothy K. Kuhner, Georgia State University Law School – The Robert's Court on Campaign Finance Reform
David Waggoner, J.D., M.A., San Francisco State University – Race, Capital and Religion: The Ontology of Racism	Tayyab Mahmud, Seattle University School of Law – Debt and the Death of Democracy
Kim Clark, Pacific School of Religion & Graduate Theological Union – Critical Race Theory, Transformation and Praxis	René Reich-Graefe, Western New England School of Law – Vulnerability, Precarity and Calculative Trust
	Saru Matambanadzo, Tulane University College of Law – The Rise of Pass- Through Personhood
2:30 p.m3:30 p.m.	

Room 132

Roundtable Discussion: Movement Building – A Multi-Faceted Approach

Participants will discuss their successful experiences in building grassroots support for community and social justice movements on a local and national level.

- Chair, Fran Ansley, Professor Emerita, University of Tennessee College of Law
- Commentator, Scott Cummings, UCLA School of Law, David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law & Policy
- Stacey Padilla, Comité de Popular, Knoxville
- Jayanni Webster, Fight for Fifteen, Memphis
- Lauren Bonds, SEIU Legal Fellow, Washington D.C.
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3:45 p.m. -4:45 p.m.

Room 132

Legal Collaborations: A Collective Response to the Assault on Collective Actions

This is not a traditional panel but is instead a collaborative effort. This non-panel focuses explicitly on one of the themes of this year's conference, namely, the collaborative project and coalitional praxis. In the spirit of this year's theme, we-people with different perspectives and areas of expertise—joined forces in the belief that together we have more power than if we worked separately (synergism). By focusing on collaboration broadly defined we hope to expand our understanding of what is at stake and our ability to imagine what's possible in response. Collaboration is necessary not only to resist power but also to empower and transform everyone's life.

- Danielle Hart, Southwestern Law School
- Hila Keren, Southwestern Law School
- Kathy Abrams, U.C. Berkeley School of Law
- Angela Harris, U.C. Davis School of Law
- Veena Dubal, Hastings Law School
- Maureen Carroll, UCLA School of Law
- Saru Matambanadzo, Tulane University College of Law

5:00-5:45 p.m. – Room 132

Concluding Remarks

ClassCrits Business Meeting