

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

JULY 2021



“PRODUCING LAWYER LEADERS”

NEWS



LAW CENTER PROFESSOR PRESENTS AT TULSA LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

Professor Gail Stephenson presented her paper *Were It Not for Tulsa* at the Tulsa Law Review's Symposium Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre. Professor Stephenson's paper discussed how Martha and Travis Sipuel were burned out of their home in the Greenwood District of Tulsa in 1921, leading Martha Sipuel to become a civil rights activist. Her daughter, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, volunteered to be the test plaintiff in the lawsuit to integrate the University of Oklahoma Law School. That lawsuit's success hastened the desegregation of higher education throughout America and was foundational in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

PARTNERSHIPS

LAW CENTER PARTNERS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS TO HOST JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES

To celebrate Juneteenth, Law Center partnered with Montgomery, AL and Jackson, MS community organizations and institutions to create a slate of activities for both areas to participate and commemorate the holiday as a family.

Jasmine Hunter, director of external affairs, led the charge in Montgomery while Ada Goodly, director of the Louis A. Berry Institute for Civil Rights and Justice led efforts in Jackson. Activities ranged from panel discussions on Black Lives Matter and restorative justice to a freedom walk to memorialize the path slaves took to be sold.

Efforts were done in partnership with PBS Frontline's project Un(re)solved, which is a story of a list of Civil Rights era cold cases being investigated by the FBI.

**PBS FRONTLINE
JUNETEENTH EVENTS**

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. THE JACKSON CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR EXPERIENCE WITH SPECIAL INVITED TOUR GUIDES

9:30 A.M. OPENING OF JUNETEENTH: RECKONING FOR RESTORATION
Location: Holmes Hall Tougaloo College | 500 West County Line Rd. Tougaloo, MS 39174

10:00 A.M. REFLECTIONS ON THE UNRESOLVED: A HEALING CIRCLE TO RECKON WITH HISTORICAL HARMS
Location: Holmes Hall Auditorium Tougaloo College

12:00 P.M. LUNCH & CHAT
Location: Holmes Hall Auditorium, Tougaloo College

2:00 P.M. CIVIL RIGHTS LEGENDS & LEADERS: BRIDGING THE GENERATIONAL DIVIDE IN THE AGE OF BLACK LIVES MATTER
Location: Virtual

6:00 P.M. THE JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CIRCLE: A CONVERSATION ON TRUTH, RECONCILIATION, & JUSTICE
Location: Two Mississippi Museums | 222 North Street, Jackson, MS 39201

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

1:00 P.M. THE JACKSON CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR EXPERIENCE
Location: Virtual

PARTNERS

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
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FRONTLINE PBS
2 MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

THE BECA FESTIVAL 2021

Un(re)solved
Say their names. Know their stories.

JOIN US FOR A PANEL DISCUSSION

**"MONTGOMERY
Then & Now"**

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 AT 6:00 P.M.
Rosa Parks Museum
252 Montgomery Street

Phillip Enslor, senior policy advisor to Mayor Steven L. Reed
Dr. Regina Moorer, assistant professor of political science at Alabama State University
Anthony Brock, head of school at Valiant Cross Academy
Makhayla DesRosiers, senior political science major at Alabama State University
Nick Johnson, community activist

Moderator: Melanie Hogan, news director at WVAS-FM

Register here: <http://bit.ly/Montgomerypanel>

<p>Un(re)solved AR Installation Beginning June 12, you are invited to view the Unresolved AR installation at the museum. Unresolved is the story of a list of Civil Rights era cold cases being investigated by the FBI. The exhibition is a memorial and tells the stories of who they were, whom they left behind, and why justice has remained elusive.</p>	<p>Emancipation Tour Moderated by: More Than Tours Friday, June 18th 6:00 p.m. (Limited capacity - Registration is required): http://bit.ly/emancipationtour</p>	<p>Freedom Walk Join us at the Montgomery Riverfront Saturday, June 19th 10:00 a.m. Register here: http://bit.ly/freedomwalk21</p>
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SPECIAL THANKS TO PROGRAM PARTNERS:
Southern University Law Center, Alabama State Conference of the NAACP, City of Montgomery's Department of Cultural Affairs, That's My Child, National Civil Rights Conference, Rosa Parks Museum, More Than Tours, FRONTLINE PBS

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

EBONY CORMIER



Cormier has been selected as the national director of corporate engagement for the National Black Law Student Association.

KENYATTA BARTHELEMY

Barthelemy was selected as a 2021 Peggy Browning Fund Summer Scholar.



TIANA THOMAS

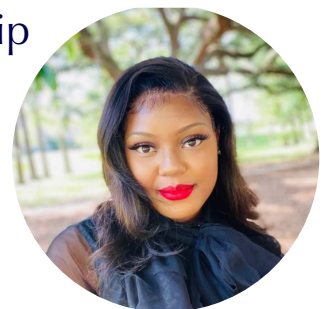


Thomas will be representing the Law Center during her upcoming internship with the City of Birmingham's Dept. of Innovation and Economic Opportunity.

This internship is through the HBCUvc program which seeks to increase access to capital for Black, Indigenous, and Latinx entrepreneurs.

DESTINY WELLS

Wells was selected to participate in the 2021 Summer Internship Trainee Program with the Corporate Counsel Women of Color. Wells will be exposed to learning about the practice of law including non-profit law, compliance, privacy, copyright and trademarks, and more.



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

JAYLEN THOMAS



Thomas is participating in a clerkship with the Shelby County School's Board of Education in Memphis, Tennessee with the Office of General Counsel as well as the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights in New Orleans, Louisiana.

QUIANA-JOY OCHIAGHA



TREZELL RAGAS



Ochiagha and Ragas have been selected as 2021-2022 Ms. JD Fellows.

ASHLEY LEONARD



FERNANDA CONTRERAS



Ashley Leonard and Fernanda Contreras were selected for summer internships with Balch & Bingham. Ashley will be working in the Gulfport, MS office, and Fernanda will be in the Birmingham, AL office.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

VICTOR UGO BENJAMIN



HACER KANDARA



Benjamin and Kandara will represent the Law Center as 2021 fellows for the John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation. Benjamin will work at the Harris County District Attorney's Office, and Kandara will work in the East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender's office.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

ADAM CREPELLE

Crepelle is a recipient of the 2021 Sabbatical Research Fellowship from the Institute for Humane Studies.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

PAULA SHEPHERD



Shepherd has been promoted to senior vice president of benefits operations with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana.

She participated in the Law Center's first evening division cohort in 2004.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

MESHEA L. POORE



Poore is the new president of the Big 12 Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education.

UPCOMING EVENT

2021 CANNABIS SYMPOSIUM

A flyer for the 2021 Cannabis Symposium. The background is a dense field of green cannabis leaves. The text is centered on a white rectangular area. At the top, it reads "Southern University Law Center and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center hosts the". Below that, in large, bold, dark blue letters, is "2021 CANNABIS SYMPOSIUM". Underneath, in a smaller font, is "JULY 29TH - 31ST". Further down, in green, is "REGISTER:" followed by the website "WWW.SULC.EDU/CANNABIS2021". Below that, in black, is "8 HOURS OF CLE CREDIT". At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MARLA DICKERSON AT MDICKERSON@SULC.EDU". There are two logos: the Southern University logo on the bottom left and the SU LC logo on the bottom right, with "ESTABLISHED IN 1917" written below it.



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