Wednesday, June 16, 2021

11:00-11:50 AM  Welcome & Activities

Michigan Welcome & Tour

Biennial Leadership Academy Graduation
ALWD Inclusive Leadership Committee- Cindy Archer and Fiona McKenna

Yoga
Led by Tenielle Fordyce-Ruff

12:00-1:30 PM  Welcome and Plenary I

Welcome
ALWD President Katrina Lee

A Conversation with Wellness Expert and Resilience Coach Nikita Gupta
Moderated by ALWD 2021 Conference Chair Olympia Duhart

2:00-2:50  Concurrent Sessions

Maize & Blue Track (50 minute presentation)
Steering the Future of the Discipline: Articulating the Threshold Concepts of Legal Writing
Linda Berger, Kirsten Davis, David I.C. Thomson, Kristen Tiscione, & Melissa Weresh

This presentation will invite audience feedback on threshold concepts of legal writing. It is part of a larger community-focused effort to identify and memorialize the canon of the discipline.

Victors Track (50 minute presentation)
Change the Narrative to Change the Profession: Narrative Psychology in Law School and Practice
Joshua Aaron Jones

With narrative psychology methods, we can change public perception and lawyer and law student outlook about the legal industry, including the law school experience. By
teaching these concepts in the legal skills classroom, we can eventually improve the profession as students carry those realizations into practice.

**Leaders & Best Track (25 minute presentations)**

*Don’t Hide the Ball: Examples of Past Student Work Without Giving It All Away*

Jan Levine & Lorie Schweer

We will show how we safely use examples of past student work on the same assignments on which current students are working, as the best way to provide guidance for student writing. We will explain how to do this in in-person and online classes, and how students appreciate the technique.

**Warm Ups and Calm Downs: Strategies to Effectively Structure Class Meetings**

Karen Sneddon

Learn how to maximize every minute of class time with warm-ups and calm-downs. Attendees will leave the presentation with a range of exercises adaptable to any topic and any classroom structure, whether in-person, virtual, synchronous, or asynchronous.

**Big House Track (25 minute presentations)**

*Facilitating FirstGen Success by Focusing on Legal Writing*

Adam Eckart

What can legal writing courses do to assist first generation students in our law schools? This presentation will provide attendees with discrete teaching ideas on broadening perspective and encouraging professional development while also discussing other ways legal writing courses can assist first generation students.

**Tools for Teaching Antiracist Lawyering**

Elizabeth Bloom & Stephanie Roberts Hartung

This presentation will focus on strategies for introducing students to the concept and necessity of antiracist lawyering as a fundamental skill. Participants will leave the session with concrete ideas for teaching students to understand and meaningfully address structural racism in the context of legal analysis.

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**3:00-3:50 Concurrent Sessions**

**Maize & Blue Track (50 minute presentation)**

*But You’re Not a Real Law Professor…*

Marisa Meredith, Ann Schiavone, & Tara Willke
This presentation considers the connections between position status, perceived pay equity, and feelings of satisfaction and wellbeing within the law faculty workplace. The presenters will provide results of a survey and engage attendees in dialogue concerning their experiences as legal writing faculty.

**Victors Track (25 minute presentations)**

**Plug & Play Lessons: Expect the Unexpected**
Dyane O’Leary & Sarah Schendel

Prepare ahead of time for inevitable disruptions by creating "plug and play" lesson plans to deploy as needed. Lessen your stress and keep class running smoothly, no matter where you are in the syllabus or what gets thrown at you.

**Oops! Constructing a Lesson on Counseling Clients about Lawyer Mistakes**
Liz Kukura

This presentation offers an example of a legal writing problem that requires students to grapple with counseling clients about a lawyer's litigation mistake. The lesson draws on legal ethics and best practices for client communication, encouraging law students to develop healthy habits as professionals when confronted with their own shortcomings.

**Leaders & Best Track (50 minute presentation)**

**Balance in the Age of COVID-19**
Sha-Shana Crichton, Jane Cross, Brenda Gibson, Tiffany Jeffers, Latisha Nixon-Jones, & O.J. Salinas

This panel will explore the ways that legal writing faculty members have sought and achieved balance in the age of COVID-19. The panelists will share their personal experiences in seeking balance during these trying times.

**Big House Track (50 minute presentation)**

**Addressing Racial Bias by Confronting Norms in the Legal Writing Classroom**
Sonya Bonneau, Sherri Keene, Susan McMahon, & Ruth Anne Robbins

In this presentation, we will introduce three distinct approaches to addressing race and power in the legal writing classroom. We will explore our efforts to upend the disciplinary norms that contribute to systemic exclusion, the suppression in the law of marginalized voices, and the fiction of neutrality in legal analysis.

**Ann Arbor Track (25 minute presentation)**

**Chair Yoga**
Aysha Ames
Law Quad Track
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4:00-5:00 PM  Social Hour with the ALWD New Directors’ and New Members’ Committees

New Members’ Committee Chair Joy Kanwar and New Directors’ Committee Chair Elizabeth De Armond

These Committees cordially invite you to come join us for happy hour on the first evening of the Biennial Conference! Come dressed (either literally or in the sense of a virtual background) as if you are on your favorite vacation and join us as we celebrate getting through a hard couple of pandemic years together. Bring whatever drink helps you relax along and we will toast one another!

5:00-6:00 PM  Cooking and Wellness Chef Demonstration

Join us for Cooking with Abby. More details to come.

6:15-6:450 PM  Michigan Dessert and Cocktails/Mocktails

Michigan’s own Picasso Restaurant Group will walk us through creating dessert and a cocktail/mocktail. More details to come.