

**Call for Remarks**  
**Crosscutting Program for the 2015 AALS Annual Meeting**

**The More Things Change...: Exploring Solutions  
to Persisting Discrimination in Legal Academia**

**We seek proposals for “remarks” for an “open mic” portion of a program** about the persistence of discrimination in legal academia. This program, which has been endorsed by 13 AALS sections,\* is designed to further conversations about intersectional bias in law teaching—including discrimination based on gender, race, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic class—and to activate strategies for addressing continuing problems. The program will draw from empirical data, legal research, litigation strategy, and personal experience to focus on solutions to inequality in legal academia. The program seeks both to create an avenue for direct personal exchange regarding these important topics and to share best practices and explore new approaches for overcoming ongoing discrimination.

An opening three-person panel will be followed by a structured “open mic” session designed to significantly expand the number of voices and perspectives beyond the formal panel. Confirmed speakers for the initial panel are Meera E. Deo (Thomas Jefferson School of Law), Melissa Hart (University of Colorado Law School), and Angela Harris (UC Davis School of Law). Marina Angel (Temple Law School) and Joan Williams (UC Hastings Law School) will moderate. The program will be on Sunday, January 4, 2015, 2 pm – 3:45 pm. **This call for remarks solicits contributions to the “open mic” portion of the program.**

- Each person’s remarks should be no more than 3 minutes;
- Possible topics include discriminatory actions of colleagues and students, marginalization of particular subject areas in the curriculum, structural hierarchies in the profession, the role of socioeconomic class in exacerbating other inequalities, and creative solutions to persistent inequities;
- Those who are untenured, women of color, allies to marginalized faculty, clinical, legal writing and library faculty, and others with perspectives that may differ from the majority are specifically encouraged to submit remarks;
- Full-time faculty members of AALS member and fee-paid law schools are eligible to submit proposed remarks. Foreign, visiting (and not full-time on a different faculty) and adjunct faculty members, graduate students, and fellows are not eligible to submit.
- Call for Remarks participants will be responsible for paying their annual meeting registration fee and travel expenses.
- Organizers will select 8-10 speakers from among the submissions;
- Selected speakers will have an opportunity to publish remarks in the *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law* as part of a symposium volume (forthcoming 2015).

**Responses to this call should include a title, a description of your proposed remarks (suggested length 500-750 words), and whether you are interested in submitting a short essay (expanding on your 3-minute remarks) for publication in the symposium issue. Please send proposals to Lisa R. Pruitt, [lrpruitt@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lrpruitt@ucdavis.edu) no later than August 11, 2014. Selections will be made by September 5, 2014.**

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\* Balance in Legal Education; Clinical Legal Education; Deans; Education Law; Employment Discrimination; Law & the Social Sciences; Law Libraries and Legal Information; Legal History; Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research; Minority Groups; New Law Teachers; Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues; and Women in Legal Education.