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Agenda

Friday, April 14

Forum

10:00 - 10:55

Check-In and Opening Remarks

Room 202

11:00 - 11:25

Analysis Autopsy
Shelley Bennett,
Thurgood Marshall

Room 203

***Talking in Class: A Lesson
in Oral Communication Skills
for the Legal Writing Space***
Danielle Copes, St. Mary's University

11:30 - 11:55

***Whose Story Wins
The Day?***
Kim Holst,
Arizona State University

***A Professional-Development
Writing Matter: Running a
Cover Letter Workshop***
Matt Cordon, Baylor Law School

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12:00 - 1:25

Lunch
Lunchtime Roundtable

Room 202

1:30 - 1:55

Texas Citation Teaching Tips
D'Andra Shu,
South Texas College of Law

Room 203

***Building 1L Confidence by
Focusing on Process Over Product***
Sarah Eskridge, St. Mary's University

2:00 - 2:50

***Educating and Connecting
International Lawyers in
the Lone Star State***
Laurel Simmons,
University of Houston
Carly Toepke, UT Austin

Judging Legal Writing
Irene Ten Cate and
Catherine Du Bois,
Brooklyn Law School

2:50 - 3:10

Afternoon Coffee Break

3:10 - 3:35

***NextGen Bar Phase 1:
Exam Updates***
Ashley Arrington, Texas Tech

***From Journalist to Lawyer:
How Editing Always Makes
the Difference***
Kirsten Williams,
Judicial Clerk, S.D. Tex.

3:40 - 4:30

***Addressing NextGen
Bar(riers) with a
Collaborative Approach to
Teaching Legal Research***
Kate Brem, Rob Brownell,
Alyson Drake, Whitney Heard,
Lauren Simpson, and
Amanda Watson,
University of Houston

***From Feedback Loops to Feedback
Literacy: Teaching Students to Use
Feedback to Maximize Writing Performance***
Jennifer Spreng,
Southern Illinois University

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Saturday, April 15

Room 202

Room 203

8:00 - 8:55

Light Continental Breakfast and Coffee
Informal Mentoring Opportunity

9:00 - 9:25

***A "Meeting of the Minds":
Introducing Transactional
Drafting Skills in the First-Year
Legal Writing Curriculum***
Lynn Su, New York Law School

***Why Legal Writing Professors are
Uniquely Qualified to Teach Bar
Courses & Author Textbooks***
Amanda Peters,
South Texas College of Law

9:30 - 9:55

***Encouraging A Dialogue:
Creating Opportunities for
Scholarship, Advocacy,
and Advancement in the Legal
Community for
Underrepresented Students***
Mel Weresh and Danielle Shelton,
Drake University

10:00 - 10:25

***Identifying Business Risks in
Transactional Classes***
Chuck Brownman,
South Texas College of Law

***Neurodivergent Law Students:
Foundational Skill Development
in Legal Writing & Looking Ahead
to the NextGen Bar Exam***
Erica Lux, Texas Tech

10:30 - 11:00

***Flowers of Rhetoric:
Decorations of and
Foundations in Thinking***
Natalie Tarenko, Texas Tech

***Well-Founded Objections:
Expanding Role-Playing Exercises
to Encourage Critical Reading***
Cara Shaffer, South Texas College of Law

11:00 - 11:25

***Legal Artificial Intelligence
and Generative AI***
Adriana A. Ramirez,
Senior Research Attorney,
LexisNexis

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