Call for Papers for Clinical Section and Poverty Law Section Joint Program at the 2018 Annual Meeting

The Clinical and Poverty Law Sections are requesting proposals for their joint program at the 2018 AALS Annual Meeting entitled, “Reconsidering the Roles and Responsibilities of the Law School as Advocate in the New Normal of Federal Policy,” which will take place in San Diego, California from January 3-6, 2018. The joint program will be presented on Friday, January 5, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This joint program will consider the roles and responsibilities of law schools and law school clinics in providing training and engaging in advocacy responsive to the new normal of the post-election world. Law schools, especially in the clinical and poverty law contexts, offer pedagogical approaches and experiential opportunities designed to promote conversations between people from diverse perspectives and enable legal advocacy by law students through representation, political action, and pursuit of legislative change. This program will explore the ways that the election has influenced the teaching and advocacy that is happening in law school clinical programs. Both in connection with and beyond clinical education, the program will also consider the various approaches law schools are utilizing to address domestic poverty issues in the post-election world, including, for example, the erosion of government benefits for poor people under the new administration. Panelists will facilitate a discussion about these approaches and the questions they may raise about the roles that advocacy, activism, academic freedom, and scholarship should play in legal education.

1-2 papers will be selected by a committee appointed by the Section of Poverty Law Chair-Elect Llezlie Green Coleman and Clinical Section AALS Committee Member Davida Finger. While there are no requirements as to the form or length of the proposals, substantial manuscripts will receive priority over mere abstracts, and the person(s) selected to join the panel shall share her or his manuscript draft with the other panelists and moderator by December 1, 2017.

We are pleased to offer one paper selected as a result of this Call for Papers the opportunity to publish with the Loyola Journal of Public Interest Law. The article will appear in the Spring 2018 volume and the author must agree to submit the final draft of the article to the journal by late January 2018. Persons interested in this opportunity should explicitly indicate their interest in their submission.

Please submit your paper by email, under the heading “Submission – 2018 AALS – Clinical and Poverty Section Joint Program, and direct any inquiries to Professor Llezlie Green Coleman at lcoleman@wcl.american.edu on or before August 15, 2017. The author(s) of the selected paper(s) will be notified by September 15, 2017.

The Sections particularly encourage submissions from pre-tenured and recently tenured scholars and will grant preference to such applicants. All panelists, including speakers selected from this call for papers, are responsible for paying their own Annual Meeting registration fee and travel expenses.