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**LGBTQ+ RIGHTS & ADVOCACY
IN LEGAL EDUCATION SUMMIT**

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Center for
CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS
at Gonzaga Law

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Kellye Testy *She/Her*

Kellye Y. Testy is the president and chief executive officer of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). This global nonprofit organization encourages diverse, talented individuals to study law and supports their enrollment and learning journeys from prelaw through practice. LSAC also develops and supports technology products that enable schools and candidates to connect with one another during the admission process.

Prior to leading LSAC, Testy served as a law school dean and faculty member for 25 years, including as the first woman dean at the University of Washington School of Law (2009-17). During her tenure, she established the endowed Toni Rembe deanship, launched the Barer and Gregoire Fellows programs, and delivered the largest gift in the school's history: a \$56 million bequest from alumnus Jack McDonald for student scholarships and faculty and program support. Testy also served as dean at Seattle University School of Law (2004-09), where she founded the Access to Justice Institute, the Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, and other key programs.

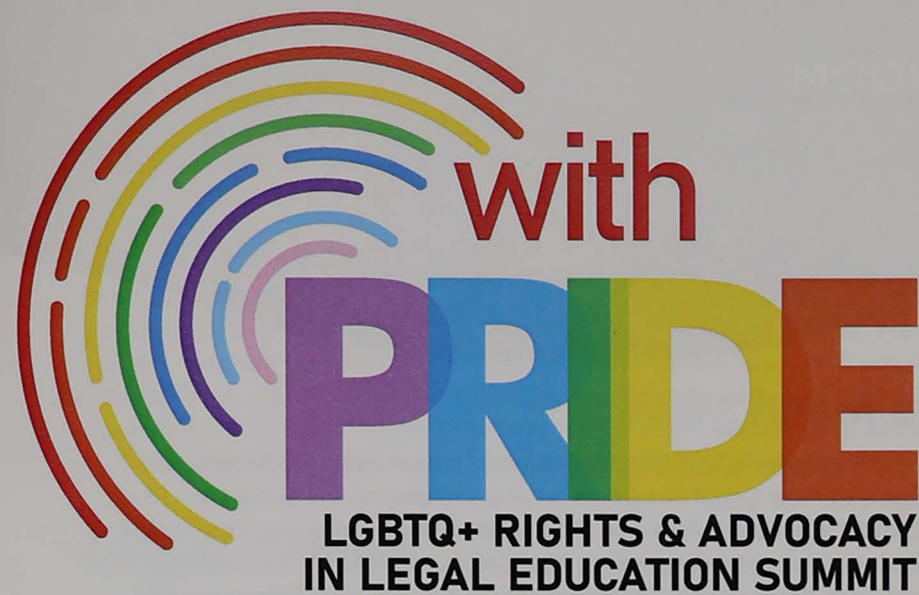
Always a teacher first, Testy continues to offer courses at several law schools in her areas of specialty, including business law and leadership development. Testy has been recognized numerous times as an innovator in education and technology and as one of the nation's most influential leaders consistently advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion in legal education. She especially enjoys working with law school deans to support their leadership and help advance their school's mission and goals.

An expert in corporate governance, Testy serves on several corporate and nonprofit boards and conducts training for boards to help them meet their fiduciary duties and add value to the organizations they serve. Testy is a member of the American Law Institute and has served on the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers and several committees and initiatives of the ABA Section on Legal Education. She currently serves on the boards of the Washington Law Institute, a leadership development program designed to promote diversity in the legal profession, and LSSSE, a research institute focused on understanding legal education from the student perspective. In 2016, she served as president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). She served on the AALS Executive Committee from 2013 to 2017, co-chaired the AALS Section for the Law School Dean, and served on the Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students.

Testy is a nationally sought-after speaker, panelist, and consultant on legal and higher education, leadership, diversity and access, and corporate law and governance. Recent speaking engagements include the LSAC Newcomers Workshop, ABA New Deans Virtual Workshop, the Rutgers Symposium on Race & The Law, and numerous conference and event panels on which she served as both moderator and featured speaker.

Testy is a first-generation college graduate who earned both her undergraduate degree in journalism and her law degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, her hometown. She graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington, where she was editor-in-chief of the Indiana Law Journal. After graduating, she clerked for Judge Jesse E. Eschbach, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.





TIME + LOCATION	SESSION	SPEAKERS
<p>9:00 a.m. Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst Bench-Bar Room</p>	<p>Check-in / Breakfast</p>	
<p>9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Opening Remarks Jacob H. Rooksby, Smithmoore P. Meyers Dean of Gonzaga University School of Law and Joe Lincoln ('88) Regent of Gonzaga University</p>	
<p>10:00 a.m. Barbieri Courtroom</p>	<p>Panel 1: From the Classroom to the Courtroom From teaching anti-oppressive legal strategies that foster inclusion and retention of LGBTQ+ students and faculty to client representation and a view from the bench, this panel promises to give a holistic view of LGBTQ+ rights efforts.</p>	<p>Genevieve Mann Heather Johnson Danaya Wright Sarah Harmon Ashlyn Hannus Justice Mary I. Yu</p>
<p>11:45 a.m. Volkar Room</p>	<p>Lunch with Keynote Speaker Kellye Testy</p>	
<p>1:15 p.m. Barbieri Courtroom</p>	<p>Panel 2: Making Change in the Community Hear from attorneys and advocates from across the country on legal representation and reformation initiatives for the LGBTQ+ community.</p>	<p>Jamie Bartlett Ikál Nico Quintana Dallas Martinez Brad Sears Kyle C. Velte Sarah Steadman</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. Barbieri Courtroom</p>	<p>Panel 3: Advancing Goals for the Future In this panel, attendees will learn about LGBTQ+ and the First Amendment, family protection in a post-Dobbs world, and rights and efforts abroad.</p>	<p>Kim Pearson Luke Boso Sheldon Lyke Stewart Chang Courtney Joslin</p>

PANEL 1: FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE COURTROOM



MODERATOR



Genevieve Mann She/Her

Genevieve Mann is a Professor at Gonzaga University School of Law. She teaches primarily in Gonzaga's Clinical Legal Programs where she directs the Elder Law Clinic. Her approach to clinical teaching is to strike a balance between allowing students to take the lead on their cases while also feeling supported as they wrestle with legal, professional, ethical, and client issues. Professor Mann also teaches Elder Law and Trial Advocacy. Previously, she was the Managing Attorney at the Unemployment Law Project in Spokane. In addition, Professor Mann worked for Powell, Kuznetz & Parker representing employees in cases involving discrimination, wrongful termination, harassment, and retaliation. She is admitted to practice in Washington State and in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. Prior to law school, Mann received a Master of Social Work from Boston College. She worked as a child welfare mediator and adoption social worker and was trained in general mediation as well as transformative mediation.

Panelists



Heather L. Johnson She/They

Heather L. Johnson is the Director of the Gender and Sexuality Moot Court Competition and a Fixed-Term Faculty member at Michigan State University College of Law. She regularly teaches courses on Law and Gender, Higher Education Law and Policy, and Leadership. She founded the Gender and Sexuality Moot Court Competition in 2022 to provide an opportunity for law students around the country to engage in research, writing, and advocacy on a current issue in gender, sexuality, and the law.

Professor Johnson completed her undergraduate work at the University of Chicago, where she studied Law, Letters, Society and Psychology. She also holds a Master of Science in Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychology from the Anna Freud Centre at the University College London and a Juris Doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law. Professor Johnson is a doctoral candidate completing dual postgraduate degrees in Education Policy and Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education at Michigan State University.



Danaya C. Wright She/Her

Danaya C. Wright is the T. Terrell Sessums & Gerald Sohn Professor of Constitutional Law at the Levin College of Law, University of Florida. She holds a B.A. from Cornell University in English Literature, an MA from the University of Arizona in English Literature, an M.A. from St. John's College in Liberal Education, a J.D. from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Johns Hopkins University. Her principal areas of teaching are Constitutional Law, Property, Trusts and Estates, and Legal History. She is also the author of "Trusts and Estates Casebook" a casebook on Future Interests, and a Trusts and Estates Skills book. She writes on various subjects, including English Family Law, Takings, and Constitutional Law. She is currently the Chair of the University of Florida Faculty Senate and is trying to navigate the current political climate of academic censorship in the State.

Sarah Harmon She/Her

Sarah Harmon is the Staff Director of the Center for Civil & Human Rights and Supervising Attorney for the Lincoln LGBTQ+ Rights Clinic at Gonzaga University School of Law. She is originally from The Dalles, Oregon, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon with honors in 2009 and is a Phi Beta Kappa honors society member. Wanting to continue her education in the Pacific Northwest, Sarah pursued her J.D. from Gonzaga, graduating magna cum laude in 2013. After graduation, Sarah began her professional career as a civil litigator. Her private practice focused on plaintiffs-side discrimination work, labor and employment law, and education law. Sarah returned to Gonzaga University School of Law full-time in December 2022 in her current position. When she's not working, Sarah can be found on the rugby pitch, coaching Gonzaga's Women's Club Rugby team.



Ashlyn Hannus She/Her

Ashlyn Hannus is a 3L at Gonzaga University School of Law and a Rule 9 Legal Intern for Gonzaga's Lincoln LGBTQ+ Rights Clinic. Ashlyn grew up in Sumner, Washington, and later moved to Miami, Florida, to attend undergrad and play soccer at Johnson and Wales University. Ashlyn received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude, in three years while playing collegiate soccer and was the team captain for two years. At Gonzaga Law School, Ashlyn became president of the Business Law Club, a board member of Pride Law, volunteered as Gonzaga's women's club soccer coach, and studied abroad in Florence, Italy. Ashlyn completed two semesters in the LGBTQ+ Clinic and has volunteered at numerous name and gender pop clinics. She was later selected as a Gonzaga legal clinic student representative and has dedicated over 200 pro bono hours to it. She is the WSAJ's LGBTQ+ diversity scholarship awardee. Ashlyn is currently a legal intern at Palace Law in Tacoma, Washington, and an extern at Spokane County District Court.



Justice Mary Yu She/Her

Mary Yu was appointed to the Washington Supreme Court on May 16, 2014, and was subsequently elected in 2014, 2016, and 2022. Justice Yu joined the Supreme Court after more than 14 years as a trial court judge in King County Superior Court where she presided over a wide variety of criminal, civil, and juvenile cases, and presided over hundreds of adoptions and other family law matters.

Before attending law school, Justice Yu worked in the Peace and Justice Office for the Archdiocese of Chicago, first as staff and later as Director following her appointment to the position by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

Justice Yu has an extensive record of service both on and off the bench, mentoring young attorneys, law clerks, and students; co-chairing the Court's Minority and Justice Commission; chairing the Board for Judicial Administration's Public Trust and Confidence Committee; teaching at Seattle University School of Law and serving as Jurist in Residence; and co-chairing the Washington State Bar Association/University of Washington Law School Leadership Institute.

Justice Yu was raised in Bridgeport, a South Side neighborhood in Chicago, by immigrant parents; her mother came from Mexico and her father from China. She is the first in her family to graduate from college. She received her B.A. from Dominican University, her M.A. in Religious Studies from Mundelein College of Loyola University in Chicago, and her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Justice Yu is the first Asian, the first Latina, and the first member of the LGBTQ+ community to serve on the Washington State Supreme Court.



PANEL 2: MAKING CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY



MODERATOR



Jamie Bartlett She/Her

Dr. Bartlett moved to Spokane after a brief stint in Minnesota. Dr. Bartlett is from Northern California, but has adopted Boulder, Colorado as a second hometown. She earned a doctorate in Integrative Physiology from the University of Colorado, a path that took her on a journey as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the US Navy, university lecturer, and product developer in sports nutrition. Since leaving the Navy, she used the GI Bill to further her education by earning an MBA with a focus on entrepreneurship and sustainability. She then entered the startup business world where she helped lead a STEM education company and later mentored new startups across the state of Minnesota. During the pandemic, she earned a Masters in Nonprofit Leadership and Management. Dr. Bartlett is now the Director of the Lincoln LGBTQ+ Resource Center at Gonzaga University. When she is not working or hanging out with her family – including her wife Carrie, their daughter Izzy, and three dogs – she builds things out of wood or upcycled products and remodels their house. However, if you really want to grab her attention, just mention women’s soccer.

Panelists

Ikál Nico Quintana He/They

Ikál is a transgender, non-binary, indigenous and Latinx defense attorney and abolitionist. Ikál is a lead attorney at the Lavender Rights Project (LRP) specializing in criminal legal defense work. Prior to coming to LRP, Ikál was a Public Defender at King County and provided legal defense representation and support to people accused of crimes. Before working as a Public Defender, Ikál was a policy advocate and community organizer with Basic Rights Oregon and the D.C. Trans Coalition. Ikál loves cooking amazing food, spending time with his Great Dane puppy, and being out in nature.

Dallas Martinez They/He

Dallas is a Washington licensed attorney and Co-Executive Director of QLaw Foundation of Washington. Dallas is charged with leading the organization’s legal client services and legal programming, as well as being the legal backstop for the organization.

Dallas has practiced law since 2017. He founded Pride Law, PLLC, focusing on criminal law, which naturally overlapped with some civil rights law. To balance their interests and the intense nature of their focused practice, Dallas expanded limited scope legal services to advise small business owners with formation strategy, transactions, and risk mitigation and offered local artists pro bono assistance with drafting and reviewing contracts. During the pandemic, Dallas lost a sense of collegial community due to the mass courtroom shutdowns. When an opportunity presented itself to further advocate for their 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and be a part of a social justice-oriented legal team, Dallas enthusiastically transitioned into QLaw Foundation of Washington.



Brad Sears He/Him

Brad Sears is the Founding Executive Director and Roberta A. Conroy Distinguished Scholar of Law and Policy at the Williams Institute. In addition, he is the Associate Dean of Public Interest Law at UCLA Law. Sears has published a number of research studies, primarily on discrimination against LGBT people and people living with HIV. He has taught courses on LGBT and disability law at UCLA, Harvard, and Whittier law schools. He has testified before Congress and state legislatures, authored amicus briefs in key court cases, helped to draft state and federal legislation, and been cited frequently by national media. A graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School, he has received several awards, including the Co-Presidents Award from the LGBT Bar LA (2019) and the Earl Warren Outstanding Public Service Award from the American Society of Public Administration (2018).



Kyle Velte She/Her

Kyle Velte is the Associate Dean for Faculty, Professor, and Karelitz Chair in Evidence Law at the University of Kansas School of Law. She teaches Evidence, Torts, and Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Law. She's the author of 20 law review articles and has appeared in the media, such as USA Today and NPR, discussing LGBTQ issues, including religious liberty, antidiscrimination law, Title IX, and marriage equality. She filed amicus briefs in the United States Supreme Court cases of *United States v. Windsor*, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*, *R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, and *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*.



Sarah Steadman She/Her

Since 2013, Sarah Steadman has been a professor at the University of New Mexico School of Law. She teaches primarily in the Child and Family Justice Clinic, which serves low-income, marginalized children, adolescents, and their families who have various civil legal needs. She also teaches Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, and the Law, Elder Law, and has taught Family Law. Her scholarship focuses on law reform to protect transgender and nonbinary youth. Prior to becoming an attorney, she was a child and family therapist in a variety of mental and behavioral health care settings.

Steadman serves on the board of directors for the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico, the NM Commission on Legal Regulatory Reform, and the advisory committee for the ADOBE program, an interdisciplinary service provider for formerly incarcerated and other at-risk youth and their families.



PANEL 3: ADVANCING GOALS FOR THE FUTURE



Kim Hai Pearson She/Her

Kim Hai Pearson is a professor at Gonzaga University School of Law. Her current research and writing projects focus on identity and children in international migration streams, including trafficking, adoption, asylum-seeking travel, natural disasters, and economic immigration. In the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) context, a legal framework exists for extending legal protection based on a child's identity. Combining research on implementing the CRC's legal principles in alignment with children's identities may provide significant interventions in cases of violence and oppression of children. Professor Pearson's expertise includes Contracts, Law & Sexuality, ADR, and Wills & Trusts.

Her scholarship can be found in the Yale Journal of Law & Feminism, the UC Irvine Law Review, the Michigan Journal of Gender & Law, the Oxford Handbook on LGBT Divorce and Relationship Dissolution, and the Cambridge University Press's Feminist Judgments Rewritten Opinions: Reproductive Rights.

Panelists



Luke Boso He/Him

Luke Boso joined the Southwestern faculty in the summer of 2023, where he teaches Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, and Criminal Law. Boso began his legal career by clerking for a state court judge in West Virginia, followed by a year in private practice during which he litigated issues of police brutality and misconduct in Southern California. Boso then began his career in legal academia as a Law Teaching Fellow from 2011-13 with the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law. The Williams Institute is a think tank devoted to advancing LGBTQ+ rights through law and policy. From 2014-23, Boso held appointments at the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he primarily taught constitutional and criminal law courses in both the day and evening programs; he also taught Family Law, Remedies, and an Education Law seminar.

Boso approaches teaching, scholarship, and service with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Regarding scholarship, Boso is a prominent voice in national conversations at the intersections of sexuality, gender, race, class, and various forms of discrimination in U.S. law and society.



Sheldon Lyke He/Him

Before joining the Loyola Chicago Law faculty, Sheldon was an Associate Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law and an Assistant Professor at NKU Chase College of Law and Whittier Law School. He has also held positions as a Visiting Assistant Professor at UC Irvine School of Law (Fall 2016) and Northwestern University School of Law (2012-13). In 2011, he was appointed the inaugural Dorr Legg Law and Policy Fellow at the Williams Institute (UCLA School of Law). Generally, his research focuses on anti-discrimination laws regarding racial and sexual minorities in a comparative context. His current research explores anti-affirmative action practices in higher education. His work increasingly observes property law institutions in our shared social world.

Sheldon received a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Chicago (2013), a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law (1999), and an A.B. cum laude in sociology from Princeton University (1996).

Stewart Chang He/Him

Stewart Chang is a Professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law. Prior to joining Boyd in 2018, he was an Associate Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law at Whittier Law School. Before becoming a professor, he practiced public interest law for over a decade with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, where he specialized in domestic violence, immigration, and family law. Professor Chang teaches Contracts, Immigration Law, Family Law, Asian Americans and the Law, and Comparative Law and Sexuality. He writes in areas of comparative law, family law, and immigration law with a focus on how those areas intersect with race, gender, and sexuality.



Courtney Joslin She/Her

Courtney Joslin is the Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law at UC Davis School of Law. Joslin teaches in the areas of Constitutional Law, Employment Discrimination, Family Law, and Sexuality, Gender, and the Law. Joslin is a leading expert in the areas of family and relationship recognition, with a particular focus on same-sex and unmarried couples. Joslin's publications have appeared or are forthcoming in Boston University Law Review, California Law Review, Columbia Law Review, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, Harvard Law Review Forum, Iowa Law Review, NYU Law Review, Southern California Law Review, UCLA Law Review, and Yale Law Journal Forum, among other sources. She co-authors two popular textbooks -- Sexuality, Gender, and the Law, with William N. Eskridge Jr. & Nan D. Hunter, and Modern Family Law, with D. Kelly Weisberg. Her commentary has appeared in the Washington Post, the LA Times, the Sacramento Bee, Slate Verdict, and elsewhere.



In 2024, Joslin received the Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award from UC Davis. In 2023, Joslin was the recipient of the 2023 Distinguished Teaching Award.

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