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From Barriers to Ballots: Voting Rights Symposium

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2024 NSU Law Symposium Program

NSU Law, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Panza Maurer Library, Third Floor

Friday, January 12, 2024

Program Summary:

The NSU Shepard Broad College of Law is proud to host ***From Barriers to Ballots: Voting Rights Symposium***, an in-person CLE program, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, January 12, 2024, in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Description:

The symposium focuses on the critical issue of voting rights. The symposium comes at a crucial time with the 2024 election approaching. Florida, known for its key role in election outcomes and history of voter suppression, will be the focus. The event features leaders, attorneys, and activists dedicated to expanding voter rights, particularly for disenfranchised communities. The event will provide an opportunity for the law school to take the lead in educating about voter challenges and reform proposals.

The program features twenty nationally recognized thought leaders on Voting Rights. There will be time for audience Q&A after the panel discussions.

Consistent with CLE Accreditation Standard 5.01(a)(1), the symposium is designed to increase attorneys' professional competence and skills, focusing on matters directly related to the legal profession, particularly in the context of voting rights, election integrity, and legal efforts to combat voter suppression. This encompasses a range of contemporary issues and legal challenges that are highly relevant to practicing attorneys, especially in the context of the upcoming elections and ongoing discussions about electoral reforms.

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

WELCOME

José Roberto (Beto) Juárez, Jr.

Dean and Professor of Law

NSU Law

9:45 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

PANEL ONE: THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Mitchell Berger, Esq.

Lindsay Langholz, American Constitution Society

Moderator: **Associate Dean Jane Cross**, NSU Law

Delving into the intricacies of the United States' Electoral College, experts will explore its historical context, impact on modern elections, and the ongoing debate regarding its fairness and efficacy.

10:45 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

PANEL TWO: VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Professor Matthew Dietz, NSU Law

Desmond Meade, Executive Director, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

Nina Perales, Vice President of Litigation, MALDEF

Moderator: **Associate Dean Olympia Duhart**, NSU Law

This panel will address the voting challenges of various vulnerable populations, including minoritized communities, returning citizens, and people with disabilities. Speakers will highlight the barriers these populations face and emphasize efforts to enhance access to the ballot.

11:45 a.m.-12:15

LUNCH SERVED

12:15 p.m.-12:20

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

José Roberto (Beto) Juárez, Jr.

Dean and Professor of Law

NSU Law

12:20 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Erwin Chemerinsky

UC Berkeley Law Dean & Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law

1:15 p.m.-2:10 p.m.



PANEL THREE: SUPPRESSION EFFORTS

Pooja Chaudhuri, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Professor Charlton Copeland, University of Miami School of Law

Hazel Weiser, Esq., League of Women Voters of New York
Moderator: **Professor Eric Hull**, NSU Law

Panelists will examine the methods and strategies used to suppress voter turnout, particularly in marginalized communities. Legal and advocacy efforts to counteract these tactics and protect voting rights will be a central focus.

2:15 p.m.-3:10 p.m.

PANEL FOUR: ELECTION INTEGRITY

Professor Tim Canova, NSU Law

Professor Atiba Ellis, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Professor Charles Zelden, Ph.D., NSU Halmos College of Arts & Sciences

Moderator: **Lauren Miller, Esq.**, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law

Focusing on maintaining the integrity of elections, this discussion will examine measures to protect electoral infrastructure from threats such as cyber-attacks and examine challenges to election administration processes. Balancing voter accessibility with security in the digital era will be a key aspect of this conversation.

3:10-3:25 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

PANEL FIVE: REFORM EFFORTS

Professor Spencer Overton, George Washington Law

Professor Joshua Douglas, University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law

President Deborah Archer, American Civil Liberties Union
Moderator: **Stephen Talpins**, Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office

This panel will highlight various reform efforts to improve voter participation. Experts and advocates will share the work being done to expand voting rights and bolster ballot access.

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

CLOSING AND THANKS

Olympia Duhart

Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Faculty Development
NSU Law



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Erwin Chemerinsky is Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Prior to assuming this position, he was the founding dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law, and a professor at Duke Law School, University of Southern California Law School, and DePaul Law School. He is the author of 19 books and more than 200 law review articles. He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court. In 2022, he served as President of the Association of American Law Schools.

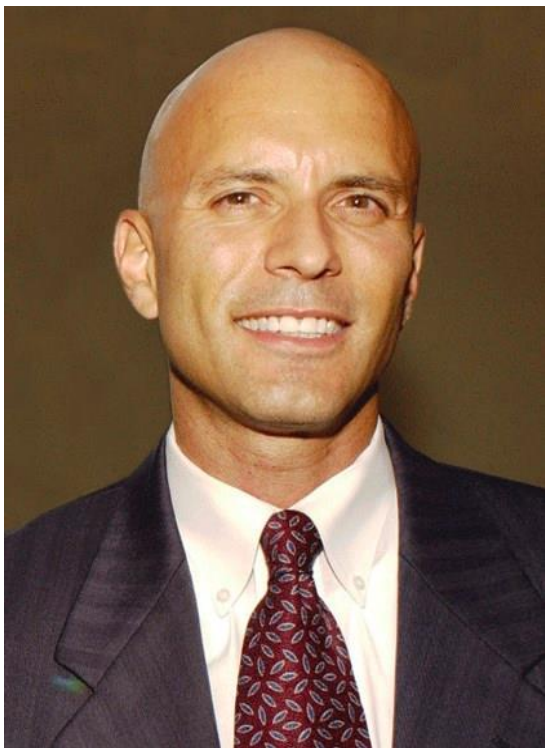


Deborah Archer is Associate Dean of Experiential Education & Clinical Programs and Faculty Director of the Community Equity Lab at New York University School of Law. She is also the President of the ACLU and a leading expert in civil rights, civil liberties, and racial justice. Archer is an award-winning teacher and legal scholar whose articles have appeared in leading law reviews. She has also offered commentary for numerous media outlets, including MSNBC, National Public Radio, CBS, Monocle, The Atlantic, and The New York Times.

She previously worked as an attorney with the ACLU and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., where she litigated in the areas of voting rights, employment discrimination, and school desegregation. Archer is also a former chair of the American Association of Law School's Section on Civil Rights and the Section on Minority Groups. She previously served as Chair of the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board, the nation's oldest and largest police oversight agency.



Mitchell W. Berger, the founder and Chairman Emeritus of Florida’s business law firm, Berger Singerman LLP, has over 40 years of successful representation in commercial disputes, including Fortune 500 companies. He has also spent more than 40 years involved in Democratic politics including serving in the following leadership roles: a senior advisor to Gore’s 2000 presidential campaign, a member of the Obama Victory Fund’s National Finance Board in 2008, a Democratic National Convention delegate in 1996 and 2000, chair of the Democratic Federal Victory Fund in 2000, and co-lead lawyer for Biden’s Florida Voter Protection Effort in 2020. Berger’s representation of Gore/Lieberman before the Florida Supreme Court in *Bush v. Gore* was portrayed in both the 2020 HBO documentary, *537 Votes*, and in the 2008 HBO movie, *Recount*. Berger has also co-authored articles about electoral politics published in the *Nova Law Review* including, “The Electoral College: Appendicitis of American Democracy,” (2019), “The Constitutional Implications of Government Funding for Florida’s Primary Voting Process: Is It Constitutionally Permissible to Publicly Fund the Two Major Parties’ Primaries to the Exclusion of All Other Political Parties?” (2008), “Presidential Elections – The Right to Vote and Access to the Ballot” (2005), and “Election 2000: The Law of Tied Presidential Elections” (2002).



Timothy A. Canova is a Professor of Law and Public Finance at the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, where his areas of research range from central banking and corporate governance to election law. His work has been published in dozens of book chapters and articles in the U.S. and overseas, including in the *Oxford University Press*, *Edward Elgar Publishing*, *Harvard Law & Policy Review*, *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, *Brooklyn Law Review*, *Georgetown Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and *UC Davis Law Review*.

Canova received his A.B. degree from Franklin and Marshall College and his J.D. degree, cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center. He earned a master’s diploma in graduate legal studies from the University of Stockholm where he was a Swedish Institute Visiting Scholar. He previously taught at the Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law in Orange, California, where he served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and as the Betty Hutton Williams Professor of International Economic Law. Prior to law teaching, Canova served as a legislative assistant to the late U.S. Senator Paul E. Tsongas and practiced law in New York City with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and

with Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon. In 2016, Canova challenged the chair of the Democratic National Committee for her House seat in a hotly contested primary election. His campaign raised \$3.8 million from 209,000 individual donations, setting a record at the time for the highest percentage (76%) of small online donations for any campaign for federal office. Florida's 17th Judicial Circuit Court found that the Broward County Supervisor of Elections had illegally destroyed every ballot cast in the primary election. In 2019, Canova testified to the Florida Advisory Committee of the United States Civil Rights Commission about the systematic electronic disenfranchisement of voters in Florida elections.



Pooja Chaudhuri serves as Counsel on the Voting Rights Project. She works on a range of election law issues impacting underserved individuals and their communities. She litigates redistricting and ballot-access cases in federal and state courts across the country and represents individuals as well as local and national voting rights advocacy organizations in these challenges. Prior to joining the Voting Rights Project, Pooja was a Fellow with the Lawyers' Committee's Educational Opportunities Project. As a Fellow, she worked on a higher education desegregation trial and helped parents navigate the full gamut of special education laws to advocate for their child's education.

Pooja earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of California, Berkeley. She served as an editor of the California Law Review during law school. Pooja is Bar Admitted in California and the District of Columbia, the Supreme Court of the United States; the US Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and District of Columbia Circuits; and the US District Courts for the Eastern and Northern Districts of California and the Middle District of Tennessee.



Charlton Copeland teaches civil procedure, federal courts and constitutional and administrative law at the University of Miami. His primary scholarly focus is on federalism, including as it relates to voting rights. He is currently completing a manuscript titled, "How Federalism Survived the Death of Jim Crow: Race and Institutional Development in the American State," which places Black voting rights and the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby v. Holder* as central to understanding the evolution of the relationship between race and federalism in American political and legal history.



Jane E. Cross is a Professor of Law and Director of the Caribbean Law Programs at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) College of Law. She received her B.A. with Honors in International Relations from the University of California Davis and her J.D. from the University of Michigan. While in law school, she was Note Editor for the Michigan Yearbook of International Legal Studies. Before entering legal education, she practiced corporate and banking law in New York City and Chicago.

She is the author of various pieces including "Testing in Black and White: The Use of Standardized Tests in Bar Examinations" and "The Implications for Minority Admissions to the Legal Profession" published in the National Black Law Journal. She also authored Caribbean Law and South American and Central America: Other Colonial Laws published in The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History, and A Matter of Discretion: The De Facto Abolition of

the Mandatory Death Penalty in Barbados – A Study of the Boyce and Joseph Cases published in the University of Miami Inter-American Law Review.

Cross has been involved in several other professional organizations. She has served as the Director of Human Rights Awareness Projects for and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Inter-American Center for Human Rights. She was a founding member of the Human Rights Action Network.



Matthew W. Dietz has been practicing in the arena of civil rights litigation since 1996 and has handled hundreds of matters involving the civil rights of persons with disabilities including ensuring effective communication, reasonable accommodations and expanding the rights and opportunities of Persons with Disabilities. Dietz has been a very active writer, advocate, and speaker on disability rights issues. In the Disability Inclusion and Advocacy Law Clinic, Dietz assists victims of discrimination in administrative, trial and appellate proceedings.

He is active in sections and committees in the Florida Bar and is past-chair of the Animal Law Section, past chair of the Equal Opportunities in the Law Section, and past-chair of the Public Interest Law Section of the Florida Bar. In his work within the Florida Bar and the legal profession in Florida, Dietz has been active in ensuring disability is an essential element of diversity and has drafted and amended rules providing accommodations for Persons with Disabilities and eliminating stigma against law students and members of the Bar with mental illness or histories of drug or alcohol addiction. In 2004, he was awarded the

prestigious G. Kirk Haas Humanitarian Award for his work on behalf of persons with disabilities. Before his position as Clinical Director at Shepard Broad College of Law, he was litigation director at Disability Independence Group. Dietz received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, and is admitted to practice in New York, Florida, and Georgia.



Joshua Douglas is the Ashland-Spears, Inc. Distinguished Research Professor of Law at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. He teaches and researches election law and voting rights, civil procedure, constitutional law, and judicial decision making. He is the author of *Vote for US: How to Take Back our Elections and Change the Future of Voting*, a popular press book that provides hope and inspiration for a positive path forward on voting rights. His next book, *The Court v. The Voters: The Troubling Story of How the Supreme Court Has Undermined Voting Rights*, comes out in May 2024.

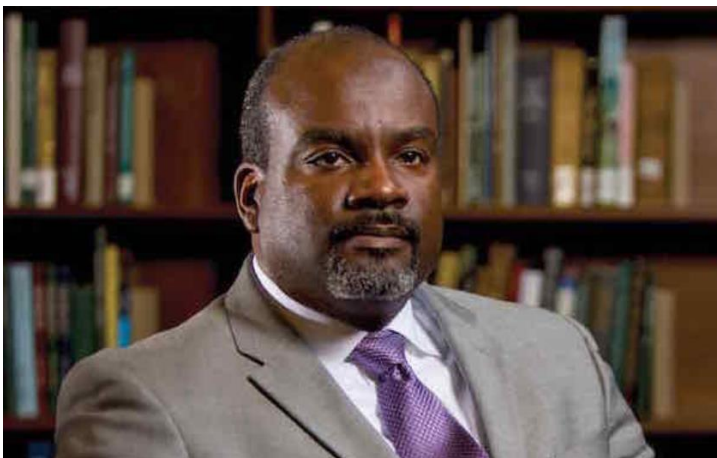
His most recent legal scholarship focuses on the constitutional right to vote, with an emphasis on state constitutions, as well as the various laws, rules, and judicial decisions impacting election administration. He has also written extensively on

election law procedure. Douglas has published in top journals, and he has been cited extensively in major law review articles and case books in the field.



Olympia Duhart studies teaching, learning, and vulnerable populations. As a full-time faculty member at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Shepard Broad College of Law, Professor Duhart teaches Legal Research and Writing, Constitutional Law, First Amendment Law, and Current Constitutional Issues Seminar. She is a tenured Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Development. From 2012-2021, she served as Director of the nationally ranked Legal Research & Writing Program at NSU Law. Duhart also taught a short course on American Constitutional Law for the Universitat de Barcelona in Summer 2020. In addition, she served as a 2021 Visiting Professor in the Lawyering Skills Program at the University of California Irvine School of Law.

Duhart served two terms as Co-President of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), a post she held from 2022-2024 and 2014-2016. She continues to volunteer with several professional organizations, including the Legal Writing Institute, the Association of American Law Schools, the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and the National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference. She is also an elected Board Member for the Association of Legal Writing Directors. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Florida Humanities, which was established by the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is the principal organizer for the Voting Rights Symposium.



Atiba R. Ellis is the Laura B. Chisolm Distinguished Research Scholar and Professor of Law at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. A nationally noted voting rights scholar, his primary research focuses on how racial and class-based oppression interact continues to abridge and deny the right to vote to communities on the margins of American democracy. His work has analyzed voter identification laws for their socioeconomic effects, situated felon disenfranchisement laws as enforcing a political underclass, analyzed the theoretical

scope of the *Citizens United* decision and described the ideological drivers of vote suppression. His work is interdisciplinary in nature, spanning doctrinal legal analysis, critical political theory, race and the law, legal history, and innovative legal pedagogy. Ellis's current research focuses on how ideologically driven conceptions of "wrongful voters" diminish the right to vote. He has also written on critical legal theory and legal history. Moreover, he is currently working with his co-authors to publish a new edition of the late Derrick Bell's foundational textbook, *RACE RACISM AND AMERICAN LAW*.

Ellis earned an A.B., an M.A., and a J.D. from Duke University. He served as a judicial law clerk for Judge James A. Beaty, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina and Judge Theodore A. McKee of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He then practiced as a litigation associate at Akin Gump Straus Hauer and Feld in Washington, DC. He began his teaching career in 2006 at the Howard University School of Law, and then served at the West Virginia University College of Law from 2009-2018. Prior to joining the Case Western faculty, he served at Marquette Law faculty as a tenured professor from 2018-2022 and the Boden Visiting Professor of Law in the fall of 2017.



Eric V. Hull joined the faculty of NSU Shepard Broad College as a tenured Professor of Law in July 2023 and was previously a visiting professor. Hull has published widely on animal law, environmental law, ocean and coastal law, and maritime law topics, with an emphasis on climate change and the impacts of pollution on ocean and coastal systems, human health, and the environment. His scholarship has been published in many of the leading environmental law journals and his work on the management of marine resources in U.S. waters is included in an international text on ocean and coastal governance. His article on ocean acidification was peer-nominated as one of the top environmental and land use law articles and was included in the seminal text on ocean acidification. He is the managing editor and co-author of a leading environmental law textbook: *Environmental Law and Policy: Nature, Law, and Society, Sixth Edition* (2022). Professor Hull teaches courses in administrative law, animal law, civil procedure,

climate change law and policy, constitutional law, environmental law, environmental and toxic torts, environmental justice, ocean and coastal law, property law, and zoning. He has taught internationally in Costa Rica, France, and Korea.



José Roberto (Beto) Juárez Jr. is dean of NSU Shepard Broad College of Law. Dean Juárez serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the college of law, working with a diverse community of faculty, students, staff, and alumni to continue to develop the college as a premier learning community focused on what students need to practice law in the complex, modern workplace. Prior to joining NSU Law in 2020, Dean Juárez was a tenured professor of law and director of the Lawyering in Spanish program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He served as dean of Denver Law from 2006 to 2009. Prior to 2006, he was associate dean for academic and student affairs and professor of law at St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas.

Dean Juárez is currently serving on the Council of the American Bar Association for the Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. He has taught

courses in Civil Procedure, Employment Discrimination, Civil Rights, Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, Professional Responsibility, and Remedies, as well as a seminar on Language Rights. His research interests include employment discrimination, language rights, legal history, race, and religion and the law, and he has published extensively, presenting his work throughout the United States and Mexico. Dean Juárez served as a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Oregon Law School during the 2001-2002 academic year and was an associate professor of law at the Council on Legal Educational Opportunity Institute at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law during the Summer of 1991. He began his career as a staff attorney for the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation in Galveston, Texas, where he practiced poverty law, with an emphasis on family and housing law; he then moved to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a civil rights law firm, as a staff attorney in their San Antonio office. After four years, he was named MALDEF's Regional Counsel and Employment Program Director in their Los Angeles office, where he supervised a staff of 13, including five attorneys. He also supervised employment discrimination litigation brought by attorneys in five regional offices nationwide.



Lindsay Langholz joined the American Constitution Society in 2019 and serves as Senior Director of Policy and Program responsible for the organization's democracy portfolio, as well as gender equality and First Amendment work. Before joining ACS, Langholz directed voter protection programs on behalf of two presidential campaigns, a national party, and two state party organizations. She has also advised nonprofit voting rights organizations, managed several political campaigns, and worked as a campaign coordinator for the AFL-CIO.

Langholz received her J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School and her B.A. in Politics from New York University.



Desmond Meade is a formerly homeless returning citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually become the President of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRRC), Chair of Floridians for a Fair Democracy, a graduate of Miami Dade College, Florida International University College of Law, a Ford Global Fellow, and a 2021 MacArthur “Genius” Fellow.

Recognized by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2019, Meade presently leads efforts to empower and civically re-engage local communities across the state, and to reshape local, state, and national criminal justice policies. His work has resulted in being named Floridian and Central Floridian of the Year 2019. As President and Executive Director of FRRC, which was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 2023, FRRC is recognized for its work on voting, criminal justice reform issues, and a historic victory in 2018 with the successful passage of Amendment 4, a grassroots citizen’s initiative which restored voting rights to over 1.4 million Floridians with past felony convictions. Amendment 4 represented the single largest expansion of voting rights in the United States in half a century and brought an end to 150 years of a Jim Crow-era law in Florida.

A sought-after speaker, Meade has made numerous appearances on radio and television and has spoken before national organizations such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bread for the World. Meade has testified before Congressional members and staffers and was part of a delegation to the United Nations where he gave testimony regarding disenfranchisement in Florida. Meade orchestrated a historic meeting at the White House between returning citizens and President Obama’s administration. Most recently, Meade served as a Commissioner on the National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice which was co-chaired by former U.S. Attorney Generals Loretta Lynch and Alberto Gonzalez. He is also a member of the Council on Criminal Justice. He has appeared on numerous shows such as Al-Jazeera, Democracy NOW, MSNBC with Joy Ann Reid, FOX News with Dana Perino and Tucker Carlson, Samantha Bee, and All In with Chris Hayes. He is a guest columnist for the Huffington Post in which one of his articles about the death of Trayvon Martin garnered national attention. Meade has been featured in several newspaper and magazine articles and was chosen as a “Game Changer” by Politic 365, as well as being recognized as a “Foot Soldier” on the Melissa Harris-Perry Show on MSNBC. Meade is married and has five beautiful children.



Lauren Miller serves as counsel in the Brennan Center’s Democracy Program, where she focuses on voting rights and elections.

Prior to joining the Brennan Center, Miller was a litigation associate at the Chicago law firm Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym, Ltd., where she practiced in the areas of civil rights, constitutional law, and labor and employment. Previously, Miller was a Public Rights Project fellow and special assistant state’s attorney in the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, where she served as the first attorney in the office’s Affirmative & Impact Litigation Section. In this role, she handled a variety of complex litigation matters, including the county’s successful challenge to the Department of Homeland Security’s “public charge” rule and the defense of several county firearm ordinances.

Prior to her fellowship, Miller clerked for the Honorable John R. Blakey of the Northern District of Illinois. She earned her JD from Yale Law School and holds a BA with honors and distinction from Stanford University.



Spencer Overton is the Patricia Roberts Harris Research Professor of Law at George Washington University and has researched, published, and taught extensively on democracy and race. He also directs the GW Equity Institute’s Multiracial Democracy Project, which serves as a bridge between scholars, policymakers, civil rights organizations, and democracy groups and tackles challenges like racialized disinformation and election structures that obstruct the future of multiracial democracy. Overton is currently working on research projects related to: 1) AI and voting rights; and 2) the implications of alternative voting systems for multiracial democracy.

He successfully led efforts to expand democracy while serving in various positions, including as Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy during the Obama Administration, and as a member of two national election commissions and the boards of Common Cause and Demos. Overton also served as president of and rebuilt the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies—America’s Black think tank. He practiced law at Debevoise & Plimpton, clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon Keith, and graduated with honors from both Hampton University and Harvard Law School.



Nina Perales is Vice President of Litigation for MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. In that role, she supervises the legal staff and litigation docket in MALDEF's offices throughout the United States. Perales is best known for her work in voting rights. She tried and argued successfully in the U.S. Supreme Court the first case that ruled in favor of a Latino vote dilution claim under the *Voting Rights Act. LULAC v. Perry* (2006). She also secured the first ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down racial gerrymandering of Latinos in *Abbott v. Perez* (2018). In 2017, Perales won the first court order forcing a jurisdiction into federal voting oversight in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's invalidation of the Voting Rights Act's preclearance trigger (*Patino v. City of Pasadena, Texas*). She also led the challenge under the National Voter Registration Act to an Arizona voter registration law and secured a

favorable ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court in *Arizona v. ITCA* (2013). In addition, Perales specializes in immigrants' rights litigation, including leading the case striking down an anti-immigrant housing ordinance in Farmers Branch, Texas and the defense of DACA in a multi-state challenge to that initiative. She earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University and a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.



Hazel Weiser is a graduate of The George Washington University, 1970, with a B.A. in Sociology. Upon graduation she moved to Cambridge, MA to join Sanctuary, a collective that provided counseling, meals, and temporary housing to street kids and runaways. A year later she embarked on a 10-month journey across the United States, Mexico, and Guatemala before enrolling in Brooklyn Law School.

While at Brooklyn Law School, Weiser served as a research assistant to Professor Richard Allan and was a Herman Goldman Scholar at the Legal Aid Society, Civil Division. Immediately after graduation, she moved to San Francisco where she joined the law firm of Cooper & Scarpulla with a practice focused on plaintiffs' antitrust law. After four years she left the firm when it dissolved and moved into criminal

defense in federal prosecutions. Weiser served as a Marin County Human Rights Commissioner and as an ombudsperson at San Quentin Prison; a columnist for *The Pacific Sun*; a member of the law faculty of New College of California School of Law; and writer/performer /producer with Enthusiastic Women Productions.

In 1985 she left practice and was appointed Associate Dean at JFK University School of Law where she was an Associate Professor and later Acting Dean. In 1987, Weiser moved back to New York to join the faculty at Touro College School of Law where she served as the Director of

Legal Writing and conceived the law school's academic support program. After ten years, she founded Weiser Writing, a consulting company working with law schools and nonprofit organizations. She later became Director of Advancement at the Long Island Community Foundation. She was appointed a Human Rights Commissioner for Nassau County and worked as a consultant at ERASE Racism.

In 2007 Weiser became Executive Director of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) where she worked for five years. She retired in 2015 after serving as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Deputy Chief Diversity Officer at New York Law School, where she devised the institutional diversity plan and guided it through board, faculty, and student approvals.

Since her retirement, Weiser has worked with the League of Women Voters of New York City on voter registration and education and with the League of Women Voters of New York State on criminal justice reform issues. She is also a member of the Trinity Church Prison Ministry, focused on closing Rikers Island and creating new neighborhood facilities that provide the human services needed to help people in the justice system.

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Charles L. Zelden, Ph.D. is a former Distinguished Professor of the Year and the author of seven books and many articles. He teaches courses in history, legal studies, and political science. At the NSU Farquhar Honors College, Dr. Zelden teaches seminars such as Utopias and Dystopias, Witch Hunts, Future History, and Culture Wars. Zelden also is a regular participant in the Honors College's extracurricular events, especially as it relates to student research.

Dr. Zelden's research focus is:
American Legal/Constitutional History
America in the 20th Century
20th Century American South
The Judicial Process
Civil Rights, Voting Rights, and Election Law

He has been widely quoted in many major news outlets and television as he considered to be an expert in the above research topics.

You are Invited to Make a Difference!

To join us in the **Voting Rights CLE & Pro Bono Project** on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., please sign up at this QR code. Contact Jennifer Gordon, Director of Public Interest Programs at NSU Law, at jgordon@nova.edu with any questions. In conjunction with the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and NSU Law Public Interest Programs, we will offer a free CLE and training to help restore voting rights to returning citizens. We welcome attorneys and students to join us as volunteers for a free training on this important work.



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