

Call for Papers

AALS Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students

The AALS Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students (RRMLTS) will address the issues facing law schools that seek to manage diversity productively in the current environment at the 2017 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, January 3-7, 2017. As part of that effort, the committee is hosting a call for papers addressing the best means and learning regarding diversity management in the legal academy, and the best learning for creating an optimized law school environment for superior pedagogical outcomes and student growth in terms of managing the challenges and benefits of an increasingly diverse legal environment.

Papers should address answers to questions such as:

- What can law schools do to accommodate more diverse student bodies, and create environments that support success for diverse students and by extension all students in the academy?
- What are the best practices today for a law school that wishes to bring the full breadth of cultural perspectives and experiences into the classroom, both within the student body and at the faculty?
- Should the legal academy articulate new metrics of merit that comprehend diverse perspectives and experiences, and perhaps deemphasize traditional notions of merit such as the LSAT exam, or institutional pedigree?
- What is the best means of teaching racially sensitive topics across the curriculum?
- What can the legal academy learn from the world of business, military and society in terms of capturing the benefits of diversity and avoiding the inevitable cultural clash implicit in diversity?
- What legal constraints do law schools face in the pursuit of diversity benefits, now and in the near future?

The RRMLTS seeks papers addressing these questions and any others associated with the challenges and benefits related to diversity and legal education. Please submit one page abstracts using the following [submission form](#), by July 11, 2016. The abstract should not include any identifying information. Questions may be directed to Steven Ramirez, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development and Director, Business Law Center, Loyola University Chicago School of Law at sramir3@luc.edu.

Selected papers will be presented at the AALS 2017 Annual Meeting. Papers submitted pursuant to this call for papers also will be offered to the *UC Davis Law Review* and the *Journal of Legal Education* for final publication in 2017 or 2018.