

Panel 1

Intersections: Understanding Class from the Perspective of Other

10:15am - 11:30am

Theorists interested in understanding social stratification have long seen class conflict as the defining characteristic on which western society structures all other constructions of identity, culture, and discourse. While this single narrative of class construction has traditionally dominated, recent scholarship has recognized the myriad realities faced by those who are marginalized, subordinated, criminalized, and denied by both culture and its artifact, the law. If we want to understand the causes of class disparity, we must try to reconcile two seemingly adverse analyses that strive, on the one hand, to enable the realization of class at its most basic level as an identity and, on the other, to give agency to the individuals of realities that may be obscured by that broader perspective.

Panelists will tackle this paradox at the intersection of law, economics, and identity, where we can find commonality in what we face without abrogating who we are.

Speakers: **Fran Ansley, Kenyon Farrow, Frank Pasquale**

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FRAN ANSLEY J.D., L.L.M.

Professor Ansley is Professor Emeritus at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Law. Since retiring from teaching in 2007, she has continued both her active scholarship and community engagement, focusing largely on immigrants' rights and labor rights and the relationship between the two. Professor Ansley's articles have appeared in a number of law reviews, including California, Colorado, Cornell, Georgetown, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. She co-edited a 2009 book on Latino immigration to the Southeastern United States, and she has contributed chapters to several interdisciplinary books on issues of race, gender, poverty, and workers' responses to globalization.

Professor Ansley has a special commitment to lawyering for and with organizations that are working to bring about grassroots, bottom-up social change. She has provided pro bono representation, done legal and empirical research, and worked as a community legal educator with a range of such groups throughout her career. Professor Ansley received a 2008 Heroes Award from the Latino Task Force of the Community Economic Development Network of East Tennessee, the 2007 Great Teacher Award from the Society of American Law Teachers, the 2007 Danny Mayfield Champion of Change Award from Community Shares of Tennessee, and she received from the College of Law the 2006 Harold C. Warner Outstanding Teacher Award, the 2003 Carden Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship, the 1994 Marilyn V. Yarbrough Faculty Award for Writing Excellence, and the 2002 and 1993 W. Allen Separk Awards for Superior Achievement in Scholarship.

KENYON FARROW

Kenyon Farrow has been working as an organizer, communications strategist, and writer on issues at the intersection of HIV/AIDS, prisons, and homophobia. Kenyon is the former Executive Director of Queers

for Economic Justice—an organization dedicated to organizing, research, and advocacy for and with low-income and working-class lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. Prior to becoming ED, Kenyon served as the National Public Education Director, building the visibility of progressive racial and economic justice issues as they pertain to LGBTQ community through coalition-building, public education, and media advocacy. Currently he serves on the Executive Committee of Connect 2 Protect New York, and the Center for Gay & Lesbian Studies (CLAGS). Kenyon is working on a new report on the Tea Party and LGBT Politics with Political Research Associates, as well as working as a book editor with South End Press.

Kenyon was also a Policy Institute Fellow with the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) doing research, writing, and advocating for new approaches to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Black gay men in the U.S. While the Director of Communications for CHAMP, Kenyon lead the strategic communications efforts for the Prevention Justice Mobilization, and helped launch Project Unshackle—a network of AIDS activists and prison activists from across the country to work more strategically together at the intersection of mass imprisonment and HIV risk.

In addition to his community work, he is the co-editor of “Letters From Young Activists: Today’s Rebels Speak Out” (Nation Books 2005) and the upcoming “A New Queer Agenda” and Stand Up! The Politics of Racial Uplift (South End Press). His work has appeared in publications such as The Huffington Post, Colorlines.com, theGrio.com, Bilerico.com, After Elton.com, Utne Reader, Black Commentator, and in the anthologies, “Spirited: Affirming the Soul of Black Lesbian and Gay Identity” (Red Bone Press 2006) and the new book “Against Equality: Queer Critiques of Gay Marriage (AK Press 2010).”

Kenyon has been a panelist, lecturer and keynote speaker at many conferences and universities including New York University, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin/Madison, and Hampshire College, University of California/Berkeley, Antioch College, University of Texas at Austin, and Macalester College.

FRANK PASQUALE J.D.

Professor Pasquale joined Seton Hall after practicing law as an attorney at Arnold & Porter LLP, where his work included antitrust and intellectual property litigation. Professor Pasquale's prior experience includes clerking for the Honorable Judge Kermit Lipez of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and serving as a fellow at the Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property in Lima, Peru.

Professor Pasquale blogs at Concurring Opinions and Madisonian.net, and has guest-blogged at Jurisdynamics. At the Co-Op, his posts focus on methodology in legal scholarship, health law, and IP. The Madisonian blog has a technology focus. Along with Gaia Bernstein and Jim Chen, Pasquale organized a virtual symposium at Law & Technology Theory.