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FRIDAY, APRIL 20

PART I UDC DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW
Moot Courtroom (518)

9:30 AM-10:00 AM **BREAKFAST**

10:00 AM-10:30 AM **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

Tariqua Morrison, Editor-in-Chief, UDC Law Review

Shelley Broderick, Dean and Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. Chair of Social Justice,
UDC Law

Jonathan Smith, Executive Director, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil
Rights and Urban Affairs

Melvina Ford, Executive Director, Equal Rights Center

Melody Taylor-Blancher, Regional Director, Office of Fair Housing and Equal
Opportunity Region III, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Norrinda Brown Hayat, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Housing
and Consumer Law Clinic, UDC Law

10:30 AM-11:30 AM **PLENARY 1**

**Where Have We Been?: Reflecting on the Fair Housing Act's Origins and
Progress**

Sameena Shina Majeed, Chief of Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil
Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

John Relman, Managing Partner, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC

Gregory Squires, Professor of Sociology, Public Policy and Public
Administration, George Washington University

Moderator: **Wade Henderson**, Professor of Law and Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. Chair of
Public Interest Law, UDC Law

11:30 AM-11:45 AM **BREAK**

11:45 AM-12:45 PM **PLENARY 2**

**Where Are We?: Assessing the Current State and Potential of the Fair
Housing Act**

Yana Kucheva, Assistant Professor of Sociology, The City College of New York
Richard Sander, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, School
of Law

Responder: **Audrey McFarlane**, Dean Julius Isaacson Professor of Law,
University of Baltimore School of Law

Responder: **Philip Tegeler**, Executive Director, Poverty & Race Research
Action Council

Moderator: **Philip Lee**, Associate Professor of Law, UDC Law

12:45 PM– 1:00 PM

BREAK Lunch and refreshments will be served

1:00 PM– 2:00 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: AT THE INTERSECTION: FAIR HOUSING AND OTHER PRESSING SOCIAL CONCERNS

Please select one of the concurrent lunch talks below. Each of the four talks highlights an issue of social importance (education, criminal justice, community economic development, gender justice) that intersects with the fight for fair housing.

Concurrent 1: Room 507

Still Separate and Unequal: Disrupting the Relationship Between Housing and School Segregation

Leslie Fenwick, Professor of Education and Dean Emerita, Howard University School of Education

Conversant: **John Brittain**, Professor of Law, UDC Law

Concurrent 2: Room 506

The Intersection of the Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Record and Fair Housing

Maurice Alexander, Plaintiff in *Alexander v. Edgewood Management Corporation, et al.*

Chaz Arnett, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Sara Pratt, Counsel, Relman, Dane & Colfax PLLC

Kate Scott, Deputy Director, Equal Rights Center

Moderator: **Catherine Cone**, Staff Attorney, Fair Housing Project, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

Concurrent 3: Room 509

The Color of the Wealth Gap: Exploring the Relationship between Economic Justice and Fair Housing

Matt Bruenig, President, People's Policy Project

Ryan Cooper, National Correspondent, TheWeek.com

Renee Hatcher, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Business Enterprise Law Clinic, John Marshall Law School

Varda Hussain, Acting Special Litigation Counsel for Fair Lending, U.S. Department of Justice

Moderator: **Susan Bennett**, Professor of Law and Director of the Community and Economic Development Law Clinic, American University Washington College of Law

Moderator: **Jerome Hughes**, Clinical Instructor, Community Development Law Clinic, UDC Law

Concurrent 4: Room 508

Building on #MeToo: Disarming Efforts to Wield Power and Control over Female Tenants

Michelle Ewert, Associate Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law

Beth Frank, Trial Attorney, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Sandra Park, Senior Attorney, Women's Rights Project, American Civil Liberties Union

Moderator: **Tianna Gibbs**, Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director of the General Practice Clinic, UDC Law

2:00 PM– 3:00 PM

PLENARY 3

Where Should We Go?: Innovating Fair Housing for the Future

Bernadette Atuahene, Professor of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology

Barrett Burns, President and CEO, VantageScore Solutions LLC

Ronald F. Day, Associate Vice President of Policy and Advocacy, The Fortune Society

Lori Leibowitz, Right to Housing Initiative Coordinator, Neighborhood Legal Services Program

Kathryn Sabbeth, Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law

Moderator: **Norrinda Brown Hayat**, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Housing and Consumer Law Clinic, UDC Law



PART II UDC STUDENT CENTER
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
One block south of the School of Law

3:30 PM– 4:30 PM

PLENARY 4

From Chocolate City to Cappuccino City: The Historical, Legal and Cultural Implications of D.C.’s Housing Transformation

Natalie Hopkinson, Assistant Professor of Communication, Culture and Mass Media Studies, Howard University

Amanda Huron, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, University of the District of Columbia

George Derek Musgrove, Associate Professor of History, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Leland Ware, Associate Director, School of Public Policy and Administration, Louis L. Redding Chair and Professor for the Study of Law and Public Policy, University of Delaware

Moderator: **Etienne Toussaint**, Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Community Development Law Clinic, UDC Law

4:30 PM– 5:30 PM

PLENARY 5

A Community Conversation: The Future of Fair Housing in D.C.

Camille Brown, Greater Washington Fair Housing Rights Program Manager, Equal Rights Center

Lesley M. Edmond, Housing Compliance Officer, D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development

Yvonne Johnson, Vice President, Brookland Manor and Brentwood Village Residents Association

Jane H. Lewis, Section Chief, Housing and Community Justice, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

William Merrifield, Staff Attorney, Affordable Housing Initiative, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless

Parisa Norouzi, Executive Director, Empower DC

Moderator: **Brook Hill**, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs

5:30 PM– 6:30 PM

CLOSING RECEPTION

Art and Activism

Joy of Rex, Musicians

Timothy Davis, Artist in “Dear Chocolate City” Exhibit

SPEAKERS

Biographical Sketches

Maurice Alexander is a certified paralegal, nursing assistant, and home health aide. For more than 15 years, Mr. Alexander has worked as an advocate for changes in the criminal justice system. He is also the plaintiff in a civil rights action against defendants Edgewood Management Corporation, Community Preservation and Development Corporation, A&R Management, Inc., and East Capitol Senior Rental LP. The complaint alleges that the defendants violated Mr. Alexander's right to fair housing by rejecting his application to each of the properties because of a minor misdemeanor conviction seven years prior, in violation of the Fair Housing Act.

Chaz Arnett is Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Professor Arnett leads the Education Law Practicum. He teaches courses in criminal procedure, professional responsibility, juvenile justice, and education law. His recent scholarship is focused on critically examining the ways in which advancing surveillance technologies are used within the criminal justice system. Professor Arnett is a recipient of the prestigious Satter Fellowship through Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program. He has received numerous awards and accolades for his commitment toward furthering human rights through criminal justice reform. Professor Arnett obtained his B.A. from Morehouse College and J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Bernadette Atuahene is Professor of Law at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law and a Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation. Previously, she served as a judicial clerk at the Constitutional Court of South Africa and practiced as an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York. Professor Atuahene has written extensively about land dispossession. She has worked as a consultant for the World Bank and the South African Land Claims Commission, and she also directed and produced an award-winning short documentary film about one South African family's struggle to regain their land. Professor Atuahene's first book, *We Want What's Ours: Learning from South Africa's Land Restitution Program* (Oxford University Press, 2014), is based on 150 interviews she conducted with South Africans dispossessed of their land by the colonial and apartheid governments and who received some form of compensation post-apartheid. In 2015, she won a National Science Foundation Grant for her new book project about land and housing in Detroit. Professor Atuahene received a J.D. from Yale Law School and an MPA from Harvard University.

Susan Bennett is Professor of Law and founder and director of the American University Washington College of Law's Community and Economic Development Law Clinic, through which students provide transactional representation to non-profit organizations, small businesses, and affordable housing cooperatives in under-served neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. and the metro area. Previously, she specialized in housing and consumer litigation at the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau. Professor Bennett holds expertise in community economic development, non-profit organizations, poverty law, civil legal services for poor people, public interest law, and federal housing law and programs, and she is the author of numerous articles and scholarly papers. Professor Bennett holds an M.A. in history from Yale University and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

John Brittain is Professor of Law at UDC Law. Previously, he served as Dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, as a tenured law professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law, and as chief counsel and senior deputy director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C., a public interest law organization founded by President John F. Kennedy to enlist private lawyers in taking *pro bono* cases in civil rights. Professor Brittain writes and litigates

on issues in civil and human rights, especially in education law. He has participated in filing nearly a dozen briefs in the United States Supreme Court, and he was a member of a legal team that filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of the NAACP in the *Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District and Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education* (Louisville) school cases decided by the Supreme Court in 2007, concerning voluntary race-conscious student assignment plans. Professor Brittain received a B.A. and J.D. from Howard University.

Camille Brown is the Greater Washington Fair Housing Rights Program Manager at the Equal Rights Center. In this role, she is responsible for developing and conducting fair housing investigations, coordinating community-based education and outreach activities, coordinating fair housing tester recruitment and training, conducting external fair housing trainings, and assisting with development of new fair housing initiatives and funding requests. Prior to joining the Equal Rights Center, she was a project assistant for the North Texas Fair Housing Center in Dallas, Texas. In this role, she conducted intake and analysis of discrimination complaints, assisted in the recruitment and training of testers, conducted educational sessions and seminars on fair housing, and provided landlord/tenant counseling services. Ms. Brown received a B.A. in general studies and political science from Hampton University in Virginia.

Matt Bruenig is President of the People's Policy Project, a think tank founded in 2017, whose mission is to publish ideas and analysis that assist in the development of an economic system that serves the many, not the few. Mr. Bruenig previously worked as a lawyer at the National Labor Relations Board and as a policy analyst at the Demos Think Tank. His work is primarily focused on inequality, poverty, and welfare systems, and he recently co-authored the People Policy Project's first formal paper, "Destruction of Black Wealth During the Obama Presidency."

Barrett Burns is President and Chief Executive Officer of VantageScore Solutions LLC, an independently managed joint venture of the three national credit reporting companies, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion, and the company behind the VantageScore® consumer credit scoring model. Mr. Burns serves as a board member for numerous industry associations including the Mortgage Bankers Association, the Structured Finance Industry Group Executive Committee, America's Homeowner Alliance, the Corporate Board of Governors for the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals, and the Asian Real Estate Association of America's National Advisory Council. Mr. Burns is a member of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition's Mortgage Finance Collaborative Council and is on the Board of Regents of the Mercersburg Academy. He currently serves on the Federal Reserve Board's Community Advisory Council (CAC) and was previously a director of the Homeownership Preservation Foundation. Mr. Burns received a B.A. in economics from Washington & Jefferson College.

Catherine Cone is a Staff Attorney at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs' Fair Housing Project where she manages an active docket of individual and class action housing discrimination cases brought under federal and local fair housing laws. She previously clerked for the Honorable Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, current Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Ms. Cone obtained her B.A. from Duke University and J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law. She is an active member of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia and the founder of ADVANCE, a first-generation law student mentoring program based at the Washington College of Law.

Ryan Cooper is a national correspondent at TheWeek.com. Mr. Cooper recently co-authored the People Policy Project's first formal paper, "Destruction of Black Wealth During the Obama Presidency." His work has appeared in *Washington Monthly*, the *New Republic*, and *The Washington Post*. He received a B.A. in chemistry from Reed College.

Tim Davis is the founder of International Visions gallery and consultants. Mr. Davis is widely recognized for his use of mixed media materials and his exploration of different narratives with graphite, sculpture materials, acrylic, photography, pen and ink, and collage. Mr. Davis has always been concerned with the human experience, the black experience, and the stigmas and communications that can consume our thoughts and actions as well as define culture, race, and identity. Mr. Davis designs his narratives so the viewer becomes part of the visual conversation or dialogue presented. Mr. Davis's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally in Columbia, South America, St. Petersburg, Russia, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Chicago, Miami, New York City, and Washington D.C. Mr. Davis has many paintings in private and corporate collections including Freddie Mac, Stellar Communications, D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland University College, University of Illinois Cultural Center, and The Diane Whitfield-Locke collection. Mr. Davis currently has a studio in Washington, D.C. Mr. Davis received his Masters of Art degree from the University of Illinois, where he studied with artists Frank Gallo and Bill Carlson.

Ronald F. Day is Associate Vice President of Policy and Advocacy at The Fortune Society. For over forty-five years, The Fortune Society has been developing model programs that help former prisoners successfully re-enter their communities. Among the services offered are licensed outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment, alternatives to incarceration, HIV/AIDS services, career development and job retention, education, family services, drop-in services, and supportive housing as well as ongoing access to aftercare. Previously, Dr. Day served as director of workforce development at the Osborne Association. He received an MPA from Baruch College and Ph.D. in criminal justice from the CUNY Graduate Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Lesley M. Edmond is a housing compliance officer at the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The mission of DHCD is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia. To do so, DHCD focuses on three strategic objectives: preserving and increasing the supply of quality affordable housing; increasing homeownership opportunities; and revitalizing neighborhoods, promoting community development, and providing economic opportunities. Ms. Edmond received a J.D. from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Michelle Ewert is Associate Professor of Law at Washburn University School of Law. Previously, she was a clinical teaching fellow in the Civil Advocacy Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Prior to that, Professor Ewert was staff attorney and housing law supervisor at the Homeless Persons Representation Project (HPRP) in Baltimore where she litigated subsidized housing cases in state and federal court and administrative agencies. She also served as a staff attorney at Central California Legal Services (CCLS) in Visalia, California and at HOPE Fair Housing in Wheaton, Illinois. Professor Ewert has represented low-income clients, including survivors of domestic violence and people who are homeless, in both urban and rural settings and has been actively involved in the legal services community. She received a Master in Public Policy degree from the University of Minnesota and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Leslie Fenwick is Professor of Education and Dean Emerita at the Howard University School of Education. Previously, Professor Fenwick served as visiting scholar in education at Harvard University. Her research focuses on education policy, superintendency and principalship, higher education leadership, and urban school reform. Professor Fenwick's research has been referenced in The New York Times and her writings on teacher diversity and other urban school issues have appeared widely. Professor Fenwick received a Ph.D. in education policy and leadership from The Ohio State University.

Beth Frank has been a trial attorney in the Housing and Civil Enforcement Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice since 2010. Since 2014, she has also served as Attorney-Advisor to the Civil Rights Division's Fair Housing Testing Program. In the Civil Rights Division, Ms. Frank has litigated cases under the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Housing and Community Development Act. Prior to joining the Civil Rights Division, Ms. Frank spent three years as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office where she focused on the rights of women and of individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII and the Fair Housing Act. She also spent five years as a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, where she focused her practice on employment discrimination defense. Beth Frank graduated from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law and received her B.A. in Women's Studies and Psychology from the University of Michigan.

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Norrinda Brown Hayat is Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Housing and Consumer Law Clinic at UDC Law. Prior to joining the faculty in 2015, she worked as a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Housing and Civil Enforcement Section, where she led the investigation that resulted in DOJ's first combined police practices and fair housing settlement between the United States and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, *United States v. County of Los Angeles*, No. CV 15-03174, (C.D. California). Prior to joining the DOJ, she was in private practice specializing in civil rights litigation with the firm Booth & Tucker in Philadelphia. She also practiced commercial litigation with the firms DLA Piper and Hogan & Hartson. Professor Hayat received a B.A. in history from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Wade Henderson is Professor of Law and Joseph L. Rauh, Jr. Chair of Public Interest Law at UDC Law. From 1996 to 2017, Professor Henderson served as president and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund. Professor Henderson is well known for his expertise on a wide range of civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights issues and is the author of numerous articles on civil rights and public policy issues. Professor Henderson is a graduate of Howard University and the Rutgers University School of Law.

Brook Hill is an Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellow sponsored by Crowell & Moring, LLP. Mr. Hill represents tenants living in affordable housing properties that are transitioning to market rate rents to ensure compliance with fair housing laws. Mr. Hill joined the Washington Lawyers' Committee in 2014, serving as an intern, paralegal, and fair housing advocate before transitioning to his current role as an EJW fellow in September 2016. During law school, Mr. Hill also interned at Brooklyn Legal Aid, DC Legal Aid, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. While attending Georgetown Law Center, Mr. Hill worked as a research assistant for Professor Peter Edelman and Sheldon Krantz, a retired partner from DLA Piper, as they founded the DC Affordable Law Firm. Mr. Hill also participated in Georgetown's Community Justice Clinic, representing workers denied unemployment benefits at the Office of Administrative Hearings, and consulting for the non-profit Young Invincibles on how state governments can better regulate for-profit colleges. Before law school, Mr. Hill was a community organizer for NY ACORN and later NY Communities for Change (NYCC), focusing on foreclosure prevention and tenants' rights issues. During his first two years of law school, Mr. Hill continued to work for NYCC on housing policy-related research and writing. Mr. Hill earned a B.S. from Columbia University and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

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Yvonne Johnson is a Vice President of the Brookland Manor and Brentwood Village Residents Association in Washington, D.C. Ms. Johnson has lived at Brookland Manor Apartments for 35 years. The 20-acre community of buildings in northeast D.C. is about 80 years old, and a planned redevelopment of the complex would transform the community into a mixed-use, mixed-income complex with apartments and townhomes. Ms. Johnson has been an active member of the Residents Association since 2014. As an active community leader, Ms. Johnson continues to fight to ensure that her historically African-American, tightknit community remains inclusive and affordable for all residents following the redevelopment.

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Jane H. Lewis is the section chief for housing and community justice in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. The Housing and Community Justice Section uses the law to preserve affordable housing, protect tenants, and hold abusive and neglectful landlords accountable. The section brings legal enforcement actions to solve problems at properties where the public is endangered by persistent housing code violations or unchecked criminal activity. Previously, Ms. Lewis served as assistant city solicitor and assistant state's attorney for the City of Baltimore, Department of Housing and Community Development. She received a J.D. from Yale Law School.

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Audrey McFarlane is the Dean Julius Isaacson Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Professor McFarlane's research focuses on areas of law related to race, class, and economic development. Previously, she served as a clerk for the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and as an associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. Professor McFarlane received an A.B. from Harvard-Radcliffe and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

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George Derek Musgrove is Associate Professor of History at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Professor Musgrove teaches courses in Post-WWII United States History with an emphasis on African American politics. He is the author of *Rumor, Repression, and Racial Politics: How the Harassment of Black Elected Officials Shaped Post-Civil Rights America* (University of Georgia Press, 2012) and *Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital* (with Chris Myers Asch, UNC Press, 2017), which tells a compelling history of Washington from the lens of its struggle with race and its role as the seat of our country's political power. Professor Musgrove received his B.A. in history from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from New York University.

Parisa Norouzi is Executive Director of Empower DC. Ms. Norouzi incorporates into her work how the development boom in our nation's capital, that is led by powerful interests, means the displacement and fragmentation of long-established communities. Ms. Norouzi's passions are directed at helping communities

to organize and respond to threats through her innovative strategies to inspire people who have felt powerless in the face of those with power and money. Ms. Norouzi's community organizing galvanized Ivy City to successfully oppose a plan to use a local school parking lot for tourist buses, because of significant air quality problems already affecting the health of local residents. Ms. Norouzi worked with the Ivy City community since 2001 to document neighborhood history, fight for affordable housing, and obtain a recreation center at a closed school. When the city moved forward with its parking plan, Ms. Norouzi led a successful lawsuit that garnered press attention and convinced the judge to tour the site and rule in favor of the community. Not one to shy away from tough political battles, Ms. Norouzi and Empower DC are also organizing to stop school closings in low-income black neighborhoods and the demolition of public housing communities. Ms. Norouzi received a B.A. from Marlboro College and an M.A. from Southern New Hampshire University.

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