

**The Changing Face of North Carolina  
North Carolina Central Law Review 2014 Symposium**

- 8:00 – 8:45 am            **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15 am            **Introductory Remarks—Room 202**  
Stephanie Faris, Symposium Editor  
Dean Laura Shepherd Brooks
- 9:15 – 10:15 am         **Animals as Voiceless Victims**  
*MODERATOR:* Professor Jeffrey Edwards  
Former Senator Donald Vaughan  
Representative Pricey Harrison  
Assistant District Attorney Chris Parrish
- 10:25 – 11:25 am        **Implications of *U.S. v. Windsor* for North Carolina**  
*MODERATOR:* Professor Lydia Lavelle  
Attorney Preston Mitchum  
Legal Director Christopher Brook  
Enrolled Agent Carla Daniel
- 11:35 am – 12:35 pm    **Access to the Courts**  
*MODERATOR:* Professor Scott Holmes  
Attorney Miguel Muñoz  
Senior Attorney Jack Holtzman  
Attorney Paul Uyehara  
Attorney Brooke Bogue
- 12:35 – 1:35 pm         **Lunch—Great Hall**
- 1:35 – 2:35 pm            **Challenges to Voting Rights in North Carolina**  
In conjunction with NCCU Law School Democrats  
*MODERATOR:* Professor Irving Joyner  
Democratic Leader Larry Hall  
Executive Director Anita Earls  
Managing Director & General Counsel Edward Hailes
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm            **The Changing Face of North Carolina: Forecasting the Future**  
In conjunction with NCCU Law School Democrats  
*MODERATOR:* Professor Cheryl Amana-Burris  
Journalist & Author Rob Christensen  
Attorney Todd Barlow  
Former Senator Ellie Kinnaird
- 3:45 – 3:50 pm            **Closing Remarks**  
Stephanie Faris, Symposium Editor

## **Speaker Bios**

### **Introduction**

#### **Dean Laura Shepherd Brooks, North Carolina Central University School of Law**

Laura Shepherd Brooks was born in Anniston, Alabama, but was raised in New York City. She graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and then attended Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, where she majored in Psychology. She then attended Syracuse University College of Law and received her J.D. in 1993. During law school, Dean Brooks also served as a pre-law advisor for the undergraduate school.

After graduation, Dean Brooks joined the office of the District Attorney of New York County as an Assistant District Attorney where she had a particular interest in domestic violence cases. In 1998, Dean Brooks became a Director of Academic Affairs at New York Law School in New York City.

In 2002, Dean Brooks assumed the position of Assistant Secretary to the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners. Dean Brooks managed all aspects of the attorney admissions process in the state of New Jersey, including administration of the bar examination, character and fitness and in-house counsel limited licenses. During her tenure at the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners, she also served as the Executive Secretary of the Council of Bar Admission Administrators.

In 2011, Dean Brooks was the Director of Administration and Membership for the Kerr Family YMCA/YMCA at the Factory in Raleigh.

Dean Brooks' interests include running, reading and playing with her two sons.

## **Animals as Voiceless Victims**

### **Professor Jeffrey Edwards (Moderator), North Carolina Central University School of Law**

Jeffrey R. Edwards is a native of Charlotte, N.C. He received his B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1990, majoring in history with a minor in political science. He received his J.D. from Campbell University School of Law in 1994. While in law school he received the A.C. and Ailene Greene Law Scholarship, was named to the academic honors list, and served as a staff member on the *Campbell Law Review*.

After graduation, he clerked for the Hon. Linda M. McGee at the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He then accepted an appointment as Assistant Attorney General with the North Carolina Department of Justice. During his nine years with the Attorney General's Office, he represented the State of North Carolina in cases at all levels of the state and federal trial and appellate courts. His clients included the Division of Motor Vehicles and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. Professor Edwards advised public officials, judges, prosecutors, attorneys, and the public regarding motor vehicle law issues and represented the State in numerous criminal appellate cases. He has also served as a temporary clerk for the Hon. Patricia Timmons-Goodson at the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Professor Edwards teaches Criminal Litigation and Appellate Advocacy. Prior to joining the North Carolina Central University School of Law Faculty full-time in the fall of 2007, he served as an adjunct professor at NCCU School of Law teaching the writing portion of the North Carolina Distinctions class.

In his spare time, Professor Edwards enjoys reading, exercising, following his favorite sports teams, and, most importantly, spending quality time with his family.

### **Assistant District Attorney Chris Parrish, Guilford County, North Carolina**

Christopher L. Parrish received his J.D. from Campbell University and his bachelor's degree from Greensboro College. He has taught at his undergraduate alma mater, as well as at Guilford College. He formerly was the Chair of the Oak Ridge Historic Preservation Commission.

### **Former Senator Donald Vaughan, North Carolina Senate; Attorney, Donald R. Vaughan & Associates, Greensboro**

Donald R. Vaughan graduated with Highest Honors from UNC- Chapel Hill, holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from American University, and earned his law degree from Wake Forest, where he was a member of the Wake Forest Law Review. He has practiced law for over thirty years. He served two terms in the North Carolina Senate where he was Deputy Leader in the Senate. He served seven terms on the Greensboro City Council, two as Mayor Pro Tem. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Wake Forest University School of Law, where he teaches State and Local Government. He practices law regularly in North Carolina District and Superior Courts, Federal Court and he is licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

### **Representative Pricey Harrison, North Carolina House of Representatives**

Representative Harrison is in her fifth term in the North Carolina House of Representatives. She is a former communications law attorney and a former volunteer environmental advocate and activist. Representative Harrison attended school in Greensboro, North Carolina, before attending Duke University, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree. She earned her J.D. from the School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has earned numerous awards from civil and public interest groups.

## **Implications of *U.S. v. Windsor* for North Carolina**

### **Professor Lydia Lavelle (Moderator), North Carolina Central University School of Law**

Lydia E. Lavelle, born in Athens, Ohio, graduated with a B.A. from St. Andrews Presbyterian College. She earned a Master's of Recreation Resources from North Carolina State University, and worked in the field of parks and recreation administration for several years.

A 1993 graduate of the Law School's evening program, Professor Lavelle clerked for the Honorable Clifton E. Johnson on the North Carolina Court of Appeals from 1993 to 1995 before obtaining a position at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law. She was the Law School's first Pro Bono Coordinator and Alumni Relations Director. She also served as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at the Law School for ten years.

Now an Assistant Professor, she teaches Civil Procedure, State and Local Governmental Law, and Sexual Identity and the Law. Professor Lavelle has also taught Legal Writing II, Advanced Legal Writing I, and Street Law. She serves as a member of the Law School's Curriculum Committee, Relations and External Affairs Committee, and Student Disciplinary Committee. Her memberships include the 15B Judicial District Bar (NC), the North Carolina Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys (NCAWA), the National Lesbian and Gay Law (LGBT) Bar Association, and the North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Attorneys (GALA). She is a past president of NCAWA and currently serves on their nominating committee. She is licensed to practice law in North Carolina and Ohio.

For many years, Professor Lavelle has been involved in public service, including nearly a decade as a member of the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission. After being elected to two terms on the Carrboro (N.C.) Board of Aldermen, she was elected mayor in November 2013.

### **Attorney Preston Mitchum, Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.**

Preston D. Mitchum is a Black and queer civil rights advocate, writer, and professor who always uses critical thinking and intersectionality in his writing. His research and policy interests include the intersection of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, poverty, and gender.

Preston attended Kent State University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Political Science, with a concentration in Public Policy. He then followed that by pursuing his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina. In 2010, he was elected student body president, and in 2011, graduated cum laude. During law school, he published two law review articles: "Gene Patents and Informed Consent: The Mythical Reasonable Person Standard" and "A Robust Conception of Speech: Hate Speech and the First Amendment." In addition, Preston was on the school's Moot Court Board and Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Review.

In the fall of 2011, Preston enrolled in American University, Washington College of Law for his Master's of Law degree in Law and Government, with a concentration in constitutional law and civil rights, along with a specialization in gender and law. During his LLM tenure, he researched, wrote, and published three law review articles: "Screaming to be Heard: Black Feminism and the Fight for A Voice From the 1950s to the 1970s", "Homophobia as a Public Health Hazard: Gender Identities, Sexual Orientation, and the Human Right to Health", and "Slapping the Hand of Cultural Relativism: Female Genital Mutilation, Male Dominance, and Health as a Human Rights Framework." He also received the *Student Leadership Award*, which is awarded to one student in the LLM program each academic year.

Most recently, Preston served as a Policy Analyst and Consultant for the LGBT Research and Communications Project at the Center for American Progress (CAP). Specifically, he worked on the team's Fighting Injustice to

Reach Equality (FIRE) Initiative, examining how public policy impacts LGBT people of color. While there, he published over 15 columns on workplace discrimination, health, the school-to-prison pipeline, and social commentary on hot-button issues. Last month, he co-authored “Beyond Bullying: How Hostile School Climate Perpetuates the School-to-Prison Pipeline for LGBT Youth” and discussed the findings on *Huffington Post Live*.

Currently, Preston is a professor at Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies teaching Advanced Legal Research and Writing. In the past few months, he has written for “theGrio,” “The Atlantic,” “Huffington Post,” “Ebony”, and “Think Progress” where he gives social and political commentary on today’s issues. In addition, Preston serves on the board of FAN-DC, a group which cultivates a focus on youth well-being and positive development in an environment infused with safety, security, and love with mentoring, tutoring, case management and support of caregivers. This past December, he was selected as a ‘2013 Game Changer’ by MUSED Magazine for his advocacy work in the intersection of race and LGBT policy.

In the near future, he wants to be known as an intersectional thought-leader who fights for the rights of marginalized groups and who uses intersectionality as more than a buzzword.

### **Legal Director Christopher Brook, American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina**

Chris Brook grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina, and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for his undergraduate and law degrees. While in law school, he served as a legal intern at the UNC Center for Civil Rights, Director of the Carolina Law Pro Bono Program, and Managing Editor of the *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation*. Upon graduation he was inducted into Carolina Law’s Davis Society, which recognizes eight third-year students possessing both academic and personal excellence as well as a willingness to serve for the betterment of the School of Law and its faculty and students.

After graduating from Carolina Law in 2005, he worked in private practice for three years at the Raleigh civil litigation law firm of Cranfill, Sumner and Hartzog. He served as an adjunct professor at Carolina Law from 2007 through 2011, teaching Researching, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy.

In 2008 he joined the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham, where his practice areas ranged from environmental justice to constitutional law. While at Southern Coalition he co-authored a chapter on community lawyering in Moore County, North Carolina, entitled Municipal Underbounding and Communities of Color for the book *Building Healthy Communities: A Guide to Community Economic Development for Advocates, Lawyers & Policymakers*.

Brook joined the ACLU of North Carolina as its Legal Director in 2012. His practice areas correspond with the ACLU’s civil liberties focus, touching particularly on racial justice and LGBT issues, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment concerns. Since becoming its Legal Director, the ACLU of North Carolina Legal Foundation has challenged state restrictions on reproductive choice, voting rights, and the freedom to marry in court. He is a member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice Racial Justice Task Force as well as the North Carolina Bar Association Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities Section.

### **Enrolled Agent Carla Daniel, Blackman & Sloop, Certified Public Accountants**

Carla has been with Blackman & Sloop, CPAs, P.A. over 30 years and focuses her practice primarily in tax for individual and small businesses. She also serves as the firm's information technology partner. Carla is a Chapel Hill resident and an avid Tar Heel fan. Outside of tax season, you'll frequently find Carla on the golf course, exercising, or enjoying time with friends.

## **Access to the Courts**

### **Professor Scott Holmes (Moderator), North Carolina Central University School of Law**

Scott Holmes is a Quaker Attorney from Durham. He is Clinical Professor of Law at the North Carolina Central Law School where he supervises the Civil Litigation Clinic which handles civil rights matters and provides legal aid to poor folks. He is an adjunct professor of Restorative Justice at Guilford College in Greensboro. Recently, he has represented Moral Monday protesters arrested in the North Carolina General Assembly, young Dream Team immigration activists, and panhandlers charged with the crime of begging in Durham. He also advocates for Restorative Justice at the United Nations Commission on Crime in Vienna on behalf of the Friends World Committee for Consultation.

He graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1998. He has handled criminal defense and civil rights cases for the last fifteen years.

### **Attorney Miguel Muñoz, Motta & Muñoz, Durham**

Mr. Muñoz came to the United States after graduating from Universidad de Las Americas in Puebla, Mexico which is a prestigious institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) since 1959. Mr. Muñoz obtained a Bachelor of Science in International Relations, writing a dissertation on the automobile industry and its focus on international trade.

Once in the United States, Mr. Muñoz attended Appalachian State University where he became licensed to teach in the State of North Carolina. Mr. Muñoz was employed by the State for 9 years as a teacher in several schools in the mountains and in Durham, NC.

In 1999, Mr. Muñoz attended North Carolina Central University School of Law where he earned a Juris Doctorate. Mr. Muñoz then began working in the field of law for the law firm of Roberti, Wittenberg, Laufer and Wicker, PA. where he was an associate attorney since 2004 in the area of Criminal Law. His court experience ranges from cases involving driving while impaired, assaults, sexual assaults, battery, fraud, identity theft, and various cases of immigrants detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

In 2010, Mr. Muñoz became a Partner for the Firm of Motta & Muñoz, PLLC. Mr. Muñoz has continued to practice in the areas of Criminal and Immigration law.

Mr. Muñoz is a former president of the Hispanic Law Student Association, was a member of the Christian Legal Society, and is a member of the American Bar Association. He has been a professional speaker for the Continuing Legal Education of Attorneys at NCCU in the Issues of Immigration and Criminal Law and was a member of the Board of Directors of EL Centro Hispano.

Mr. Muñoz has been Counsel for the Honorable Consulate of Mexico for the last 8 years. Mr. Muñoz volunteers to help the Hispanic Community in various formats such as El Centro Legal Clinic, Mexican Consulate legal clinic and the community abroad with organizations such as Legal Aid for NC, Child Advocacy of Durham and the North Carolina Bar Association Clinics.

### **Senior Attorney Jack Holtzman, North Carolina Justice Center**

Jack Holtzman came to the Justice Center litigation unit as a Senior Attorney in 2002. Since his arrival, Jack successfully has litigated a series of important cases on behalf of workers, public housing tenants, persons with disabilities, consumers, public school students, immigrants and many others. Holtzman has also served as a trainer and public speaker and has authored an important report on immigrant access to public benefits. Prior to joining the Justice Center, Jack was a policy analyst with the N.C. Assn of Community Development

Corporations, working on affordable housing and community economic development issues. During the 1980's and 90's, Jack worked as a Legal Services attorney and then litigated in federal court as an attorney with N.C. Prisoner Legal Services.

**Attorney Paul Uyehara, Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, U.S. Justice Department, Civil Rights Division**

Paul M. Uyehara has served as an attorney in the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section (FCS) of the U.S. Justice Department, Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. since 2008. His primary area of work is with the FCS Courts Language Access Initiative, which includes enforcement, technical assistance, and outreach. Paul chairs the Enforcement Committee of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Limited English Proficiency. Previously, Paul was a senior staff attorney in the Language Access Project of Community Legal Services of Philadelphia for eight years, where he focused on language rights advocacy, improving program accessibility for language minority clients, and representing limited English proficient clients with consumer problems. He was a founding member of the National Language Access Advocates Network and has extensive experience with language access issues in law enforcement, the courts, bankruptcy and legal services programs. Paul chaired the Philadelphia Bar Association's Task Force on Language Access to the Courts in 2007 – 08 and served on the work group responsible for court interpreting for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Court System. Paul has over twenty years prior experience as a lawyer and a paralegal in other CLS units, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project, and the Philadelphia Law Department. Paul served as a commissioner on the Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission, which provides civilian oversight of the Philadelphia Police Department, from 1993 to 2003.

**Attorney Brooke Bogue, Program Manager, Language Access Services, N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts**

Brooke Bogue has served at the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts since 2007. Previously, she served as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Virginia. She received her bachelor's degree from James Madison University and her J.D. from University of Baltimore School of Law.

## **Challenges to Voting Rights in North Carolina**

### **Professor Irving Joyner (Moderator), North Carolina Central University School of Law**

Irving L. Joyner has worked as a Professor at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law since 1982. He received his bachelor's degree from Long Island University and his J.D. from Rutgers. From 1984 to 1992, Joyner served as the Associate Dean of NCCU School of Law. He regularly teaches courses in Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Civil Rights; Race and the Law; Professional Responsibility; and Trial Practice. As a member of the faculty, Professor Joyner serves on a number of Law School and University committees.

Professor Joyner has written three editions of his book, *Criminal Procedure in North Carolina* which is published by LexisNexis Publishing Company. He regularly prepares annual supplements to that publication. The first edition was published in 1989, the second in 1999 and the third was published in 2006. Additionally, Professor Joyner has written a number of articles and manuscripts for continuing legal education programs. He speaks and lectures regularly at legal education, civil rights, political empowerment and educational advancement programs.

Professor Joyner provides pro bono legal counsel to several political, religious and community organizations and to needy individuals in civil rights and criminal appeals cases. He serves on several State study commissions and agencies and in leadership roles with a variety of community groups and organizations. This service includes a five year term as the Vice-Chairperson of the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission. He is also a regular legal commentator for local, state and national media primarily in the areas of law, politics, civil rights and racial justice. For the past ten years, he has co-hosted the highly acclaimed "Legal Eagle Review" which is dedicated to a discussion of current local and national legal issues and is heard each Saturday morning on WNCU 90.7 FM.

In 2004, Professor Joyner was honored as the Lawyer of the Year by the George H. White Bar Association, an organization of African-American Lawyers in Durham County and is a past recipient of the Lawyer of the Year Award by the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers. In 2006, he was honored by NCCU Law School students as Professor of the Year.

Professor Joyner and his family are members of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in LaGrange, N.C., the church in which he was raised and now serves as legal counsel and advisor.

### **Democratic Leader Larry Hall, North Carolina House of Representatives**

Larry Dwight Hall is a State House of Representative from the 29th District in Durham, North Carolina. A Democrat, he has served in the North Carolina House of Representatives as the member from North Carolina's 29th House district since 2006. Hall was initially appointed to the position to fill the unexpired term in July 2006 by the then sitting Governor after winning the primary elections in May 2006. Hall won the general election in 2006 and was elected the Freshman Democratic Caucus Chair. Included in Hall's district are the prestigious North Carolina Central University, Lincoln Federal Health Center, Durham Technical Community College, the downtown Historic District and the Arts District of Durham, NC. Hall is a member of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus and a decorated veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps.

Born and raised in District 29 in Durham, Hall is currently serving in his third full term in the N. C. House of Representatives, representing Durham County. Hall attended North Carolina Central University received a B.S. with Honors in Political Science and Business from J. C. Smith University and a J.D. from the School of Law at the UNC at Chapel Hill. After admission to the bar, Hall was recognized as an Outstanding Young Man of America.



Upon undergraduate graduation from college, Hall was commissioned an Officer in the United States Marine Corps. He served 16 years in the United States Marines and Marine Corps Reserves and served in the support of the Operations in the Middle East in Lebanon and Iran. While in the Marine Corps, Hall attended the Jungle Warfare School, the Combined Arms School, Communications Security School and Marine Staff Force Planning School. Hall has been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Reserve Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and a Meritorious Unit Citation from the U. S. Marines. Hall served as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Weapons Company Executive Officers, Training Officer, Battalion Area Security Officer, Staff Judge Advocate, Communications Security Officer and Logistics Officer. He currently serves as Legal officer and was formerly Commandant for the Marine Corps League Detachment in Durham, North Carolina, which assists Marines transitioning from activity duty to civilian life in locating employment, housing and educational opportunities for their families. The Marine Corps League also provides financial support for the Young Marines mentorship and leadership program.

Hall is an active member of his community. He has served as First Vice President, Executive Committee Member and Economic Committee Chairman of the Durham Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). In 1997, he was awarded the NAACP's President's Award. Hall has served as Secretary and later Chairman of the Durham Business and Professional Chain. He also served as the Board Chairman of the Durham Companions Mentor Program and as a business mentor in the Rights of Passage male youth mentor program. Hall additionally served on the Durham Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He further volunteered as an instructor and training officer for the Young Marines Program in Durham teaching youth 8 - 18 years old leadership, discipline, custom, courtesies and traditions of the Marine Corps.

Hall currently serves on the State Economic Development Board, the State Innovation Council, The Duke Medical Center Advisory Board and has been inducted as a Toll Fellow by the National Conference of State Governments after completion of the Toll Fellowship Course in 2008. He is currently serving as Chairman of The North Carolina Courts Commission.

At the beginning of the 2011 North Carolina Legislative Session, Hall was elected as a Minority Whip in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Most recently Rep. Hall was recognized by the North Carolina Justice Center with the 2012 "Defender of Justice" award for his dedication to expanding opportunity and prosperity for all North Carolinians by his contributions to improving the lives of poor and working North Carolinians.

### **Executive Director Anita Earls, Southern Coalition for Social Justice**

Anita Earls is the founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a non-profit organization in Durham, North Carolina. A civil rights attorney with 25 years' experience, her work has involved addressing structural racism, protecting minority voting rights and furthering community empowerment. She was appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court to the Equal Access to Justice Commission for which she serves as Secretary. For two years she was a member of the North Carolina State Board of Elections. Anita is a Visiting Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Sciences at Duke University. She has previously taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland School of Law and the UNC School of Law. She has also taught several undergraduate courses in the African and African-American Studies Department at Duke University.

Ms. Earls was appointed by President Clinton to the post of Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she had responsibility for the Division's Voting, Educational Opportunities, Disability Rights and Coordination and Review

sections from April, 1998 to August, 2000. Anita also worked for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C., as Director of the Voting Rights Project and Coordinator of the Police Misconduct Initiative.

For ten years, Anita litigated civil rights cases as a partner with Ferguson, Stein, Wallas, Adkins, Gresham & Sumter in Charlotte, North Carolina. In private practice, her work involved voting rights, police misconduct, school desegregation, employment discrimination, public accommodations, disability rights and first amendment cases.

Ms. Earls graduated from Yale Law School, where she was a Senior Editor for the Yale Law Journal and published a student note entitled *Petitioning and the Empowerment Theory of Practice*. She received her undergraduate degree from Williams College, and was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to study cooperative work organizations and the role of women in Tanzania, Italy and England. She was also chosen to receive the first Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties from the Nation Institute in 1987; and most recently, received a Civil Rights Champion Award from the National NAACP Office of the General Counsel.

Anita's volunteer service includes work with the Women's Center of Chapel Hill, the Durham Economic Resource Center and the Beloved Community Center in Greensboro. Anita is married to Charles Walton, and has two sons, Dylan and Chad. She was raised in a mixed-race family in Seattle, Washington and has made North Carolina her home for nearly 20 years.

#### **Managing Director & General Counsel Edward Hailes, Advancement Project, Washington, D.C.**

Edward Hailes, Jr. is an experienced civil rights attorney and ordained Baptist minister. A former general counsel for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, directing both the agency's historic investigation into allegations of voting irregularities in Florida during the November 2000 presidential election and the high-profile hearing on police practices and civil rights in New York City sparked by the police shooting of Amadou Diallo. Hailes also served for ten years as a legal, then legislative, counsel for the NAACP, gaining a remarkable record of success in civil rights litigation and legislative advocacy. A graduate of Howard University School of Law, he also earned his undergraduate degree at Howard University as an honors program graduate. Reverend Hailes is the assistant to the pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Hailes is admitted in Washington DC.

## **The Changing Face of North Carolina: Forecasting the Future**

### **Professor Cheryl Amana-Burris (Moderator), North Carolina Central University School of Law**

Cheryl E. Amana-Burris is a Professor of Law at North Carolina Central University School of Law where she teaches Family Law; Bioethics; AIDS and the Law; and Children and the Law. She received her undergraduate education at Rutgers University. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and her Masters of Laws from Columbia University School of Law, Graduate Division, where she also completed the course work for the Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

Prior to coming to North Carolina Central University, Professor Amana-Burris was a senior assistant to Willie L. Brown Jr., who at the time was Speaker of the California Assembly. She has also served as a judicial law clerk and represented the City of Philadelphia as an Assistant City Solicitor.

Professor Amana-Burris has written and lectured in the field of reproductive rights. She has focused particularly on maternal-fetal conflict arguing for non-coercive and culturally sensitive intervention in the lives of pregnant women who are HIV positive or substance dependent. She serves as a member of several community boards including the Board for the Department of Social Services for Durham County and the Board for the Center for Child and Family Health-North Carolina. She is a co-founder of the Center which is a collaborative effort of North Carolina Central University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is also the co-founder of *Strivin' and Thrivin'*, a support program for young single parents at North Carolina Central University.

Professor Amana-Burris has received a number of awards including being selected as a fellow for the sixth annual medical institute for law faculty at the Cleveland Clinic, and as an "Every Day Hero" and "Carolinian of the Week" by Fox News. She received the Torchbearer and Trailblazer Award from the North Carolina Equity Women of Color Program; the North Carolina Human Relations and Governor's Citizen of the Year Award for exemplary service by an individual in the area of human rights and the Woman of the Year Award from the Chapel Hill Women's Center. She was selected to be the Charles B. Bretzfelder Constitutional Law Scholar at the Columbia University School of Law Graduate Division. She has also been featured in a video on Leading Women produced by the Southern Oral History Project.

Professor Amana-Burris was an adolescent parent and she has been active with that population in every community where she has lived. She has four children and six grandchildren.

### **Journalist & Author Rob Christensen, *The News and Observer*, Raleigh**

Rob Christensen has been writing about North Carolina politics for 41 years as a reporter and columnist for *The News and Observer*. He has contributed to four books about North Carolina books or the South. He is also the author of *The Paradox of Tar Heel Politics*, which was published by UNC Press in 2008. He is currently working on a book called *Branchhead Boys*, the story of the Scott family and rural progressivism in North Carolina.

He has appeared nearly 600 times as an analyst on TV or radio including such programs as ABC's *Nightline*, NPR's *All Things Considered*, the CBS *Evening News*, the *Jim Lehrer News Hour* on PBS, CNN's *Capital Gang*, MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, and Fox's *Happening Now*.

### **Attorney Todd Barlow, Political Affairs Counsel, North Carolina Advocates for Justice**

Todd Barlow has served at the North Carolina Advocates for Justice since 2006. He received both his bachelor's degree and J.D. at the College of William and Mary. He previously served as a research assistant at the North Carolina General Assembly, as the Director for North Carolinians for Health Care, and as a legal specialist at the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management.

### **Former Senator Ellie Kinnaird, North Carolina Senate**

Former Senator Ellie Kinnaird retired in the fall 2013 after eight terms in the North Carolina Senate. She has been involved in civic and community activities since joining the League of Women Voters in 1964. She has been active in politics since 1987 when she was elected as Mayor of Carrboro and served four terms as a popular leader for the environment, arts, downtown vitalization and neighborhood restoration. Senator Kinnaird went to the Senate as an advocate for the environment, education, social justice and campaign finance reform.

She received her bachelor's degree from Carleton College, a master's degree in music from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a J.D. from North Carolina Central University.

Senator Kinnaird is the mother of three sons and a grandmother of two lovely granddaughters and a grandson. She was a legal services lawyer and, later, in private practice. She retired from her private law practice when she worked in the Senate.