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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

#### 12:30-1:45 p.m. REGISTRATION (LAW SCHOOL COURTYARD)

- Welcome snacks and drinks, *Sponsored by Bloomberg Law*

#### 2:00-3:15 p.m. WELCOME SESSION AND PLENARY (EDU 1111)

- **Welcome:** Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills
- **Plenary:** *Legislative Advocacy and Government Service in Times of Crisis*, Armchair Conversation with Professor Katie Porter (former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and current candidate for California Governor) and Associate Dean and Professor of Lawyering Skills, Rachel Croskery-Roberts

Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1121	LAW 3750
3:25-3:50 PM (Three 25-minute sessions)	<i>Lessons from the Field: Why Teaching Effective Interviewing Skills Matters in Lawyering for Justice</i>	<i>Should we Teach Rhetorical Flair?</i>	<i>Brave Counsel: Teaching Courage as a Lawyering Skill</i>
	Sophie Tarazi U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Joseph Hummel UNT Dallas College of Law	Pamela Newell University of Buffalo, School of Law

Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1121	LAW 3750
4:00-4:25 PM (Three 25-minute sessions)	<i>The Role of Concurrences and Dissents as Preservers of Truth in a Post-Factual World</i>	<i>Revealing the Hidden Curriculum: Legal Writing Pedagogy Through a Justice Lens</i>	<i>Doing More With Less: Replacing Individual Writing Conferences with Small-Group Writing Workshops in an Age of Increased Class Sizes</i>
	Rachel Croskery-Roberts UCI School of Law	Gabrielle Marks Stafford University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado Law School	Erin DeWalt University of Oklahoma, OU College of Law

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (CONTINUED)

Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1121	LAW 3750
4:35-5:05 PM (Three 30-minute sessions)	<i>Equipping Future Advocates: Infusing Academic Success Principles into Legal Writing</i>	<i>Combining the Rule of Law with Professional Identity Formation</i>	<i>Justice and the Problem of Client-Centeredness</i>
	Yan Slavinskiy and Nadine Tan <i>Loyola Law School</i>	JoAnne Sweeny <i>Louis D. Brandeis School of Law</i>	Ezra Ross <i>UCI School of Law</i>
5:15 PM	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION AND DEAN'S REMARKS (LAW LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Sponsored by UCI Law</i></li> </ul>		
7:00 PM	Optional Dinner Groups		

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00-9:00 AM

### BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION (LAW SCHOOL COURTYARD)

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Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131	LAW 3750
9:00-9:25 AM (Three 25-minute sessions)	<i>Lawyering as Resistance: Adding more tools to our students' toolboxes</i>	<i>Whatever Happened to Universal Citation?</i>	Thomson Reuters Session
	Amanda Elyse Seattle University School of Law	Joshua Jones California Western School of Law	
Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131	LAW 3750
9:35-10:00 AM (Three 25-minute sessions)	<i>Nothing But the Truth?: Teaching the Attorney's Duty of Candor in Legal Writing and Advocacy</i>	<i>Empowering Students to Be Their Biggest Advocates: Cultivating Justice-Oriented Self-Authorship in 1L Students</i>	Lexis Nexis Session
	David King Loyola Law School	Zoha Khan and Amy Baghranian Western State College of Law	
Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131	LAW 3750
10:10-10:35 AM (Three 25-minute sessions)	<i>Rule of Law and the Lawyering Skills Classroom</i>	<i>Whose Speech Matters? Guiding Students Beyond the Text in School First Amendment Law</i>	Bloomberg Law Session
	Alison Mikkor and Sue McMahon UCI School of Law	Karin Mika CSU College of Law	

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (CONTINUED)

Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131	LAW 3750
10:45-11:10 AM (Three 25-minute sessions)	<i>Bringing Rule of Law and Professional Ethics into LRW Problems</i>	<i>Thinking Globally: How Legal Writing Professors Can Promote Justice at the Global Level Through What They Do and Teach</i>	<i>We Are What We Advocate</i>
	Mary-Beth Moylan <i>University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law</i>	Bill Chin <i>Lewis &amp; Clark Law School</i>	Todd Stafford <i>University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado Law School</i>
Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131	LAW 3750
11:15 AM-12:05 PM (Three 50-minute sessions)	<i>Freedom Writers – Student Perspectives on Writing on Rights in Law School</i>	<i>Can Courage Be Taught?: A 5-Step Framework for Teaching Professional Courage in First-Year Skills Classes</i>	<i>Access Through the Written Word: Advancing Justice Through Legal Writing Instruction</i>
	Charlie Martel <i>Lewis &amp; Clark Law School</i>	Beatrice Tice <i>UCI School of Law</i>	Della Thompson-Bell, Jodi Jewell, and Christine Lofgren <i>Southwestern Law School</i>
12:15-1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK (LAW SCHOOL COURTYARD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsored by Lexis Nexis and UCI Law</li> </ul>		

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (CONTINUED)

### 1:15-2:15 PM **PLENARY (EDU 1111)**

- **Plenary: *The Role of Amicus Briefs in Promoting Justice***

Armchair Conversation with Bob Chang, Executive Director of the UC Irvine School of Law Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, Professor of Law, and Sylvia Mendez Presidential Chair for Civil Rights, and Professor Sue McMahon

Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131
2:25-2:50 PM (Two 25-minute sessions)	<i>Think Globally - Act Locally: Learning From How LLM Programs Teach Analogous Reasoning</i>	<i>Expanding Students' Justice Lens Through Assigning Memos All Year</i>
	Elizabeth Baldwin <i>Seattle University School of Law</i>	Kathryn Boling <i>Seattle University School of Law</i>
Time	EDU 1111	EDU 1131
3:00-3:25 PM (Two 25-minute sessions)	<i>Whitewashing or Ignoring Stories About Asians by Hollywood...and the Legal Academy</i>	<i>Client-Centered Communication: Writing with Purpose</i>
	Tung Yin <i>Lewis &amp; Clark Law School</i>	Kristie Gibson <i>University of Oregon School of Law</i> Anna Morkos <i>Loyola Law School</i>
3:30-4:00 PM	<b>CLOSING SESSION &amp; RAFFLE (EDU 1111)</b>	