

## 2025 Western Regional Legal Writing Conference Draft Schedule September 5-6, 2025

### Friday, September 5

12:30-1:45 p.m.      Registration (Law School Courtyard)

Welcome snacks and drinks, *Sponsored by Bloomberg Law*

2-3:15 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	Lessons from the Field: Why Teaching Effective Interviewing Skills Matters in Lawyering for Justice  Sophie Tarazi	Should we Teach Rhetorical Flair?  Joseph Hummel	
4-4:25	Revealing the Hidden Curriculum: Legal Writing Pedagogy Through a Justice Lens  Gabrielle Marks Stafford	The Role of Concurrences and Dissents as Preservers of Truth in a Post-Factual World  Rachel Croskery-Roberts	Doing More With Less: Replacing Individual Writing Conferences with Small-Group Writing Workshops in an Age of Increased Class Sizes  Erin DeWalt
4:35-5:05	Equipping Future Advocates: Infusing Academic Success	Combining the Rule of Law with	Justice and the Problem of Client-Centeredness

	Principles into Legal Writing  Yan Slavinskiy and Nadine Tan	Professional Identity Formation  JoAnne Sweeny	Ezra Ross
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**5:15 p.m.** – Welcome Reception and Dean’s Remarks

*Reception sponsored by UCI Law*

**7 p.m.** - Optional Dinner Groups

## **Saturday, September 6**

8-10 a.m.     Registration (Law School Courtyard)

8-9 a.m.     *Breakfast, sponsored by Thomson Reuters*

Time	<b>EDU 1111</b>	<b>EDU 1131</b>	<b>LAW 3750</b>
9-9:25 a.m.	Lawyering as Resistance: Adding more tools to our students’ toolboxes  Amanda Elyse	Whatever Happened to Universal Citation?  Joshua Jones	Thomson Reuters Session
9:35-10	Nothing But the Truth?: Teaching the Attorney’s Duty of Candor in Legal Writing and Advocacy  David King	Empowering Students to Be Their Biggest Advocates: Cultivating Justice- Oriented Self- Authorship in 1L Students  Zoha Khan and Amy Baghramian	Lexis Session
10:10-10:35	Rule of Law and the Lawyering Skills Classroom  Alison Mikkor and Sue McMahon	Whose Speech Matters? Guiding Students Beyond the Text in School First Amendment Law	Bloomberg Session

		Karin Mika	
10:45-11:10	Bringing Rule of Law and Professional Ethics into LRW Problems  Mary Beth Moylan	Thinking Globally: How Legal Writing Professors Can Promote Justice at the Global Level Through What They Do and Teach  Bill Chin	We Are What We Advocate  Todd Stafford
11:15 a.m.-12:05	Freedom Writers – Student Perspectives on Writing on Rights in Law School  Charlie Martel	Brave Counsel: Teaching Courage as a Lawyering Skill, Pamela Newell  I DARE you: Teaching Courage as a Lawyering Skill, Beatrice Tice	Access Through the Written Word: Advancing Justice Through Legal Writing Instruction  Della Thompson-Bell, Jodi Jewell, and Christine Lofgren

12:15-1:15                      Lunch (Law School Courtyard), *sponsored by Lexis and UCI Law*

1:15-2:15                      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

<b>Time</b>	<b>EDU 1111</b>	<b>EDU 1131</b>	<b>LAW 3750</b>
2:25-2:50	Statutory Interpretation  Cindy Archer	Expanding Students' Justice Lens Through Assigning Memos All Year  Kathryn Boling	Think Globally - Act Locally: Learning From How LLM Programs Teach Analogous Reasoning  Elizabeth Baldwin
3-3:25 p.m.	Whitewashing or Ignoring Stories About Asians by Hollywood...and the Legal Academy	Client-Centered Communication: Writing with Purpose	

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**3:30-4 p.m. Closing and Raffle**