

2016 West Coast Conference Agenda

Date: October 20, 2016

Location: California Endowment - 1000 N Alameda St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Continental Breakfast & Check-In [8:00 – 8:30]	
Welcome / Introduction [8:30-8:45]	
Plenary Panel: Using Social Media to Forward Civil Rights Movements [8:45-10:15]	
Workshop: Inclusion in Cyberspace [10:30-12:00]	Workshop: Transportation [10:30-12:00]
LUNCH [12:00-1:15]	
Workshop: Healthcare/LGBT [1:15-2:45]	Workshop: Housing [1:15-2:45]
Closing Panel: Gun Violence is a Civil Rights Issue [3:00-4:30]	
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HAPPY HOUR / NETWORKING: [5:00-6:00]	

Session Descriptions:

• **OPENING PANEL: Using Social Media to Forward a Civil Rights Agenda**

Social movements have long used mass communication to advance their causes; tailoring their goals, tactics, and rhetoric to the media and technology of their time. This panel will explore best practices for communicating to and with people using a social media strategy in order to garner support for a social/civil rights cause, using recent case studies for context.

1. Xian Horn, teacher, speaker, beauty advocate, blogger and Exemplar for the AT&T NYU Connect Ability Challenge toward the creation of Assistive Technology
2. Brian Wenke, Executive Director – It Gets Better Project.
3. Alice Wong, Disability Visibility Project

• **WORKSHOP: Transportation**

New technologies are changing the way we live and work. Businesses like Uber and Lyft are revolutionizing the way we do things, particularly from an efficiency and user-friendliness standpoint. However, there are serious downsides to the popularization of “sharing economy” businesses, when considered from a civil rights standpoint. As is true of many “disruptive” technologies, Uber and similar companies are creating successful business models that are in part based on providing better service but also in part based on regulatory avoidance. For example, labor laws and anti-discrimination statutes become harder to enforce. This session will explore the impact of shared economy businesses on transportation from a civil rights perspective, using current cases and policy studies for context. It will explore ways in which the benefits of these services can be realized without undermining civil rights protections.

1. Nancy Leong, Associate Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
2. Will Harris, Schonbrun Seplow Harris & Hoffman, LLP
3. Michael Bien, Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld, LLP

- **WORKSHOP: Housing**

New technologies are changing the way we live and work. Businesses like Airbnb and HomeAway are revolutionizing the way people travel and utilize their property. However, there are serious downsides to the popularization of “sharing economy” businesses, when considered from a civil rights standpoint. As is true of many “disruptive” technologies, Airbnb and similar companies are creating successful business models that are in part based on providing better service but also in part based on regulatory avoidance. For example, anti-discrimination statutes become harder to enforce; zoning violations go unaddressed; and affordable housing stock is reduced. This session will explore the impact of shared economy businesses on housing from a civil rights perspective, using current cases and policy studies for context. It will explore ways in which the benefits of these services can be realized without undermining civil rights protections.

1. [Nancy Leong](#), Associate Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
2. [Nancy Hanna](#), Hadsell Stormer & Renick LLP
3. [Dessi Mia Carbajal](#), East Bay Housing Organizations

- **WORKSHOP: The Intersection of Disability Rights and the Rights of Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Persons**

This panel discussion will address the legal challenges faced by transgender and gender-nonconforming (TGNC) individuals with disabilities. These challenges may include the cumulative impact of transgender- and disability-based discrimination; disability-based barriers to self-determination and health care, such as guardianship, that may result in special harms to transgender and gender-nonconforming people with disabilities whose caregivers do not respect their gender identity and therefore refuse to consent to transition-related care or a legal change of name or gender marker; threats to mental health care privacy protections that may affect TGNC individuals in crisis; and recent advocacy to eliminate the Americans with Disabilities Act's exclusion of "gender identity disorder" as a protected disability.

Panelists from disability- and LGBT-focused organizations will discuss their experiences serving and advocating for TGNC individuals with disabilities from both a disability rights and LGBT rights perspective.

1. Samantha Crane, Autistic Self Advocacy Network
2. Victoria Rodriguez-Roldan, National LGBT Task Force

• **WORKSHOP: Technological Innovation: Accessibility and Inclusion**

Technological advances have changed the way we live and work but who is being left out? Every means of accessing cyberspace privileges some while excluding others. Panelists will discuss how major technology companies make accessibility decisions and understand the effect on people with disabilities and others who may be intentionally or unintentionally excluded.

1. Tim Elder, TRE Legal Practice, LLC
2. Keith Hiatt, Director of the Human Rights and Technology Program at the Human Rights Center at UC Berkeley School of Law

• **CLOSING PANEL: Gun Violence: a Civil Rights Issue**

In this closing event, panelists will lead participants in a discussion of how gun violence disproportionately impacts historically marginalized communities, and what we can collectively do to move towards a future without such violence.

1. Lydia X. Z. Brown, Holley Law Fellow at the National LGBTQ Task Force, Chairperson of the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council and Co-President of TASH New England.
2. Finn Gardiner, Boston Community Coordinator of the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network.
3. Jim DeSimone, V. James DeSimone Law