Black woman legal scholar named dean of Stetson College of Law

BY ROGER E. CLENDENING

ST. PETERSBURG – Michelle Alexandre, a top 50
law professor and noted civil
rights, gender and race
scholar, was appointed this
week after a nationwide
search as the new dean of
Stetson University College of
Law in Gulfport, The Weekly
Challenger learned Monday.
Alexandre, whose appoint-
ment announced Wednesday
by Stetson officials becomes
effective in June, is the first
black dean at the Stetson Col-
lege of Law, Florida’s first law
school founded 113 years age-
as part of Stetson University
based in DeLand, Fla.
“Dean Alexandre brings an
extraordinary wealth of vision
and experience to this posi-
tion,” said Dr. Noel Painter,
Stetson University executive
vice president and provost in a
statement made available to
The Challenger. “Her work in
civil rights and gender equity
fit hand in glove with Stetson
Law’s emphasis on social jus-
tice and global citizenship and
our ongoing work for veter-
ans, the elderly and the envi-
ronment.”
“I am thrilled to serve as
the next dean of the College of
Law at Stetson University,”
Alexandre told The Challenger
in an email. “The College of
Law is a leader in social jus-
tice, advocacy, legal writing
and practice, and is home to a
range of programs that inte-
grate service learning into the
curriculum.”
“I am confident in the
ability to advance the agenda of
the College of Law and
Stetson University as a whole
under a new dean,” she said.
“I am particularly excited
about the opportunities to
make a lasting impact on the
lives of our students and
alumni.”
Michèle Alexandre was appointed this week as the first black dean of Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport.

Pinellas County African American History Museum rebrands

BY J.A. JONES

CLEARWATER – On March
26, the Pinellas County African
American History Museum
(PCAHMH) opens a fascinating
new exhibit entitled “Making Do,”
a collection of cultural artifacts
from the Gullah people, a race
that originated in the Low-
country regions of the U.S.
“Making Do” will be open
from March 26 through July 31 –
just in time to herald another new
season in the museum. After 20
years, the space is rebranding with
a new name, The Curtis Museum
of Pinellas County (CMPC).
The museum’s headquarters
in the former Curtis Elementary
School, which was named after
Professor Shirley W. Curtis. He
was a pioneer in education in the
county and was principal of
Pinel-
las High School, the only north
county high school for African-
American students during the era
of segregation.
The PCAMH/CMPC is
bounded by 11th Street North
and
North Kenwood Avenue, the
first
African-American female to
achieve three books that detail
African-American life and culture in
Pinel-
las County. As assistant profes-
sor at the University of Phoenix, she is
also a noted speaker and lecturer.
Books explained some of the
impetus behind the new name.
“Many of the artifacts in the mu-
suem’s collection were donated by
former students and teachers of
both Curtis Elementary and Pinel-
las High. The museum board felt
that it was beingfit to name the museum
after Mrs. Curtis who had connections with both
schools.”
She also noted that, on occa-
sion, when people would ask
where the museum was located,
telling them that it was in the
former Curtis Elementary Schools
immediately told them where to go.

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BY FRANK DROUZAS

ST. PETE – -Chairman Omali Yeshitela, co-founder of the African People’s Socialist Party, regarding a standing room only crowd of his time spent in Oxford, Eng-

land, in Jan. debating so-called pro-

unionists on the question of whether the Oxford Union should embrace an ever closer African

union.

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There are too many hypocrites in the church, conclusion

The Church is neither full of hypocrites nor empty of them. Christians can be guilty of all sorts of sin, including the sin of hypocrisy. Though the church may not be full of hypocrites, it is by no means empty of them. Christians are not above pretending to be more righteous than others. Nor is everyone in the church who proclaims to be a Christian a true believer. There are various forms of hypocrisy and most of them are obvious to some level in the church.

Yet there is such a thing as hypocrisy, especially within the church. There are several kinds of hypocrisy. Some people join the church under false motives. In your average church there is still a considerable number of people who join the church for the wrong reasons. Some people join for social reasons or to get a stronger sense of belonging. There are some who simply want to be a part of a community. There are others who want to join because they have friends who are church members. These people who profess to be Christians but go to church for the wrong reasons are called hypocrites.

The Church is never perfect. It is by no means perfect. Yet there are many Christians who profess to be perfect. They like to think they are perfect. But what is perfect? Are there any people who are truly perfect? People do not want to admit that they are not perfect. They simply cannot serve a God who is perfect and they cannot claim to have made a perfect commitment. They also cannot claim to have a perfect set of beliefs and morals.

Politicians are some of the most notorious hypocrites. They are not above hypocrisy. They either don't know what they are doing or they try to deceive people. Politicians are not above hypocrisy. They cannot be trusted with their words. They cannot be trusted with their actions. They can be trusted with their promises but they cannot be trusted with their words. Politicians are not above hypocrisy. They cannot be trusted with their words.
COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. PETERSBURG - The AKADemy accurately reflects the mission of the Youth Development Foundation of Pinellas County, Inc. The youth development organization will host its second annual "One Small Step" tile for more information, visit www.ZUOChapter.org or click on the "One Small Step" tile for more information.

StoryCorps’ ‘One Small Step’ Initiative looking for 50 people

ST. PETERSBURG - WUSF is eager to hear from voices in the Tampa Bay and hopes to obtain a diverse selection of participants for One Small Step. All backgrounds and opinions are welcomed and encouraged. For those interested in participating, please visit WUSF online at www.wusf.usf.edu and click on the “One Small Step” tile for more information.

AKA AKADemy Presents its annual Great Debate

March 20, 2019
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
The Palladium Theater
WUSF is excited to be one of the foundation’s signature programs because of its importance in helping students develop skills that enable them to be more engaged citizens, discuss current political and global issues, understand opposing views, co-operate with others, make informed decisions and think critically.

These skills are especially helpful not only in their academic lives, but it teaches them how to have constructive discussions and debates or when to respond to opinions that are not of their interest. These types of questions help people develop the root of their own political stances on various issues, allows them to debate on subjects and opinions to understand better why others may feel differently. There is no blame, no right answer, only lived experiences that participants can share with one another.

To date, StoryCorps has collected interviews with over 50,000 Americans. These conversations are then preserved for posterity at the Library of Congress, which makes the One Small Step stories will also be saved. In recent participant and listener surveys, 80 percent of participants said that StoryCorps made them feel “connected to people of different backgrounds.” WUSF is eager to hear from voices in the Tampa Bay and hopes to obtain a diverse selection of participants for One Small Step. All backgrounds and opinions are welcomed and encouraged. For those interested in participating, please visit WUSF online at www.wusf.usf.edu and click on the “One Small Step” tile for more information.

James B. Sandler – Neighborhood Family Services Center

Family Support Specialist – Job Posting

Position Description: The Family Support Specialist has the responsibility of fostering relationships, providing outreach, education, self-sufficiency and linkages to critical needs. The position is responsible for assessing the needs of families requesting support and engaging them in development of skills, improving employability skills, parenting skills and the development of relationships. The individual holding this position reports to the Executive Director.

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ST. PETERSBURG – It’s that time of year again, time to educate and empower our female youth with a vocation. We all have an opportunity to be a part of the rearing of our youth as a village by being a good influence and giving support.

Hair Braiding Starlets™ is asking for sponsors to help send inner-city youth to their eight-week program, which affords its participants the ability to earn a vocational license in hair braiding in the state of Florida. The camp will open doors to gainful employment and entrepreneurship for students who have an interest in owning a hair braiding business.

Young ladies between the ages of 9-17, and up to 22 years old if they are considered at-risk or ESE (exceptional student education), are encouraged to register. Hair Braiding Starlets™ is also looking for guest speakers to share information about their careers that will help participants become well-rounded citizens and business persons. Please email bardaintl@gmail.com if you’d like to share your story. The camp will be broadcasting many of the guest speakers live on various social media platforms.

The afterschool program begins March 18 and ends May 4. On-site training will take place at 111 2nd Ave. NE, St. Petersburg. Broadcast classroom will receive passwords upon seat assignment. Participants will also need to submit a 200 word essay that describes why they would like to work in the beauty industry. Please call or text 877-272-3136 for more information on registration and fees.

Hair Braiding Starlets™ spring camp starts March 18

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New Board at Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg

Jenkins-Hall was selected as chair of the Foundation, having served on its board of trustees for more than 30 years, specializing in cultural diversity in clinical practice, and is a champion for racial equity. Jenkins-Hall retired from the university in 2016 after a 30-year career. She earned her master’s and doctoral degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and is the author of numerous publications, book chapters and a textbook on needs assessment in public health.

Jenkins-Hall will serve as the board’s vice chair and the founding president of Legends56, an organization whose mission is to remember, recognize and restore the cultural and spiritual heritages of African-American communities.

The Foundation named the five new board members to the board of trustees:

- Denny Peterson of United Health Care
- Dr. Katurah Ivery as secretary
- Dr. William W. Smith II as vice chair
- Dr. Bachir El-Baz, who has been with the American College of Radiology for 30 years, specializing in radiology
- Dr. Jennifer Jenkins-Hall as their new chair for the Board of Trustees.

Jenkins-Hall will be the first African-American woman to be elected a full professor at the University of South Florida Tampa. She retired from the university in 2016 after a 30-year career. She has served the Bay area as a licensed clinical psychologist for more than 30 years, specializing in cultural diversity in clinical practice, and is a champion for racial equity. Jenkins-Hall volunteered as a mental health consultant throughout the Tampa Bay area and is the founding president of Legends56, an organization whose mission is to remember, recognize and restore the cultural and spiritual heritages of African-American communities.

Dr. Denny Peterson is the Foundation’s new vice chair for the Board of Trustees. She is also the dean of the College of Public Health and senior associate vice president for the University of South Florida.

Jenkins-Hall said the Foundation is looking forward over the past year and half as vice chair and will now move into the role of chair of the board. Born and raised in south St. Pete, Dr. Jenkins-Hall was the first African-American woman to be awarded a PhD in psychology from the University of South Florida.

The Foundation in St. Petersburg, which uses mission-based philanthropy to end differences in health due to social and structural disadvantages, was established in Pinellas County.

Jenkins-Hall has served the Foundation faithfully over the past year and half as vice chair and will now move into the role of chair of the board. Born and raised in south St. Pete, Dr. Jenki-
Mindful of her portrayal

If your life was easier, would you be happy with your life? Have you seen how others see you? It is easy not to care, but what are the effects when you don't? Truth is, no one will see you the same. Still, at your feet, are you mindful of your portrayal?

Morgan Freeman, an actor who became a de facto symbol for the possibilities for black women in the 1980s and 1990s because of all her soup opera roles during that time involved playing a successful doctor. In 1995, he denounced a social revolutionaries were imprisoned or worse, gunned down by counter-revolutionaries. He denounced a social reform that if people don't have the freedom to express themselves, they can't get out of this hole. That's why he was in Oxford, Yeshitela noted.

“Because I've been writing, I've been struggling. I've been trying to sum up this reality, sum up what is happening with us, trying to carry the revolutionary project forward,” he said. “Because there is no way of not talking about our fighting against racism.”

Yeshitela won the debate two to one over a vote of Oxford students who came flocking to him at the end of the evening.
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And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said to the people, ‘Stand for yourselves by your tents throughout the camps.

And let every man take his servant, and let them come to meet Moses in the entrance of the tabernacle of the congregation in the morning.

And it came to pass, when the people came into the presence of Moses in the morning, that they said, ‘Who is this man, that God spake so for him?’

Then Moses and Aaron came and sat down before all the congregation.

And he spoke unto all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel, and said, ‘What will I do unto this people, that hath made me so a reproach in their sight, that I should bring them forth out of the land of Egypt?’

Then the angel of the Lord came down to Moses in the março field of Jethro the priest of Midian, and appeared in a pillar of fire burning upon a bitt at the edge of the pasture.

And he looked, and, behold, the wrath of the Lord was kindled against him, and the Lord smote Moses with the rod of God.

Then Moses and Aaron went and did as the Lord had commanded; and they brought Aaron in the entrance of the tabernacle of the congregation, and lifted up Moses his rod; and they cast it down before the Lord.

And he shewed him burnt offering and meat offering; and Aaron burnt incense thereon upon the altar that was before the Lord.

Then he said, ‘Thus saith the Lord, “I have surely seen the afflictions of my people which are in Egypt; and I have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.”’

And God said, “I am the Lord; and I appeared unto Moses in the março field of Jethro the priest of Midian, and I called him, and said, ‘Moses, Moses.’ And he said, ‘Here am I.’

Then I said, ‘I am the Lord that brought thee out of Egypt, to be thy savior. Now go, and I will send thee into the land of Egypt.’ And I will be with thee, and I will give the people of the land into your hands; and thou shalt bow down the people of the land before thee.

Then I said, ‘This is a stiff-necked people; now yet one word: shew me all the land unto which thou wilt bring me, and take a right way through it, that I may go and see it. And the Lord said, ‘Take a dolly of the people, and go, that I may give you a view of this land, and the things which I will do.

And he took Menashe the son of Josedec, and of Efraim Zupon, and of Issachar, and of Zebulun, and of Reuben, and of Gad, and he went forth with them.

And he came up to Mount Hor before the congregation of Israel, and took Aaron the priest and Moses his brother, and brought them unto the top of the mount;

And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eliphelet the son of Zupon, a Levite that was among them.

And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces, and Moses spake unto the Lord.

And the Lord said unto Moses, ‘Write this for a memorial for yourselves and for the children of Israel, and set it thou in the book, and tell it them, that they may observe to do after all the words of this law.’
Michele Alexandre named first black dean at the Stetson College of Law

DEAN, from front page

and internationalization. Specifically, the law school is ranked number one in trial advocacy and number three in legal writing in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

“I am delighted to continue this legacy of excellence, with a lens on social justice and innovative student-centered programming,” she continued. “I can’t wait to collaborate with all constituencies at the law school, with the university, as well as with alumni in Florida and across the nation, to continue this tradition of excellence!”

Alexandre, currently serving as associate dean for Faculty Development and Intellectual Life, professor of law and the Leonard B. Melvin Jr. Lecturer at the University of Mississippi School of Law, is the author of the civil rights textbook “The New Frontiers of Civil Rights Litigation” and “Sexploitation: Sexual Profiling and the Illusion of Gender.”

She was touted as one of Ebony magazine’s Top 100 Influential African Americans of 2013 and one of the 50 “Most Influential Minority Law Professors 50 Years of Age and Younger” by Lawyers and Mental Health magazine.

Professor Alexandre joined the University of Mississippi (UM) in 2008 as an associate professor, from the University of Memphis School of Law. She is the first black valedictorian of Colgate University, where she graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She earned her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.


She also works on issues of sustainability and economic independence for small farmers in Mississippi’s Delta, along with other rural Southern locations, farms have lost or had stolen millions of acres of farmland and fought through lawsuits to garner their fair share of racially denied FHA-backed loans.

Moreover, since 2012, Alexandre has organized the National Race and Sustainability Conference hosted by UM. Conferences focus on issues of sustainability and social justice for poor populations of the rural south.

With her stellar qualifications, “Michele Alexandre will lead Stetson Law in educating the next generation of outstanding Stetson lawyers,” said Stetson University President Dr. Wendy B. Libby. “She is the right person to affirm and build on our reputation for excellence.”

Those qualifications include her extensive record of research presentations, publishing book chapters and law review articles that touch on gender and race, critical race theory and other issues to which Alexandre applies her critical eye and laser focus. Examples include:

* TEDx UM presentation on the power of language entitled “What’s in a Name? Who are you calling a B?” in Oct. 2015
* Moderator and planning committee member for the conference “Re-thinking Mass Incarceration” April 2014.
* “Black Venus Hot-tentot Revisited: Gratuitous Use of Black Women’s Bodies and the Role of Race and Gender in Campus and Academic Reactions,” book chapter in “Race to Injustice: Lessons Learned from the Duke University Lacrosse Players Rape Case”
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