

# 2018 FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE

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## Conference speakers and presenters



**Sara Pratt**, *Relman, Dane, & Colfax*

Prior to joining Relman, Dane & Colfax, Ms. Pratt was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Programs and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary at the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. She was responsible for overseeing HUD's enforcement of the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other related laws.

She also developed national policy and enforcement activities relating to fair housing and civil rights. She led the negotiations that led to the settlement of *Assistant Secretary v. Associated Bank*, the country's largest lending redlining settlement, with relief totaling over \$200 million, the settlement of *National Fair Housing Alliance et al v. Wells Fargo*, the settlement of allegations of discrimination based on race and national origin in the maintenance and marketing of REO properties with relief totaling \$42 million, and numerous cases involving allegations of discrimination based on sex and familial status by lenders.

Ms. Pratt has been a member of the faculty of the National Fair Housing Training Academy and the National Fair Housing Alliance's Fair Housing School. She is a frequent speaker and trainer on a variety of civil rights and fair housing issues, including the obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, accessibility, and civil rights policy and enforcement issues.



**Dr. Sherwood Thompson**, *Eastern Kentucky University*

Researcher, professor, author, activist, and blogger, Dr. Sherwood Thompson, alum of the University of South Carolina and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, strives to share enriching evidence that supports the proposition that all people are truly created equal and that an informed and supportive environment promotes personal growth and a healthy society.

As a professor of educational leadership in the College of Education at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Dr. Thompson has dedicated three years to familiarizing himself with language that supports a sense of appreciation of human differences. The result is the 900-page, two volume set, *Encyclopedia of Diversity, and Social Justice*. His most recent book titled *Critical Conversations of Women Faculty: Coping with Differences between Female and Male Counterparts* was published in November 2017, and co-edited with Dr. Pam Parry. His areas of research interest include educational leadership, post-secondary educational trends, organizational development and race and social justice.

Professor Thompson is currently serving on the boards related to his fields of interest and he has editorial boards of the *Kentucky Journal of Excellence in College Teaching and Learning*, *Journal for the Advancement of Educational Research*, and he is a reviewer for the *International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations*, and the *Journal of Negro Education*. He has also served as the Principal Investigator for the Call Me Mister® Program, and The Best Should Teach Program.

Dr. Thompson has attained distinction through a lengthy and productive career, directing campus-wide diversity programs, lecturing across the globe and serving his local community.



**Dr. Roger Cleveland**, *Millennium Learning Concepts & Eastern Kentucky University*

Dr. Cleveland is the president and owner of Millennium Learning Concepts, an educational consulting company, and is also currently an associate professor in the College of Education at EKV. Previously, Cleveland was the Director of Instructional Equity and Federal Programs for the Kentucky Department of Education. In 2013, he received the P.G. Peoples Equity and Excellence Achievement Award from the Fayette County Equity Council for his work in improving local schools. In 2014, Cleveland was inducted into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Two years earlier, he was honored by the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education as Professor of the Year and was recognized as “Teachers Making a Difference at Eastern Kentucky University.”

He served two terms on the Kentucky Department of Education’s School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council, and was appointed by Mayor Jim Gray to the Lexington-Urban County Human Rights Commission in 2014. Recently, Lexington-Fayette County Urban League honored Cleveland as “The Individual Champion for Diversity Award” at the League’s 48th annual Empowerment Banquet. The award recognizes an individual or business “that embraces, advocates and promotes equity and inclusion for all diverse people. He’s had audiences with North America Toyota Manufacturing Company, Ashland Oil, Valvoline and the U.S. Attorney’s Office, to name a few.



**Mary Savage**, *Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence*

Mary Savage is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. Upon graduation, Ms. Savage served in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the U.S. Navy, in San Diego, California, and Key West, Florida. Returning to Kentucky, she lived in first Wayne, and then Russell County, serving as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, in the Lake Cumberland area, in what was formerly the 40 th Judicial District. She next worked for Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, as a legal services attorney, in Somerset, Kentucky. Moving to Anchorage, Alaska, she then went to work for Alaska Legal Services as their Family Safety Project attorney. Ms. Savage moved back to Kentucky in 2006, and has been representing the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence as their Legal Counsel since that time.



**Emilie Dyer**, *Americana World Community Center*

Emilie holds a Bachelor’s degree in psychology and a Master of Arts in sociology from the University of Louisville. She was a Family Coach for five years providing support services and guidance to families at Americana. One of her favorite parts of being at Americana is that every day is different and that she can use her creativity to problem solve. In her free time, she does woodworking, gardening, and crafting of all types.



**Ben Hendrick**, *Launch, Intl.*

Ben helped start Launch Intl. in 2015 out of a love for Louisville and a desire to serve the increasing population of refugees and internationals through “catalyzing community by providing hospitable housing.” He is married to Sarah and together they have six children and a dog named Willa. Ben loves being outside, going to his kids’ soccer and baseball games and growing as much food as he can in his backyard. The Hedricks call the South End of Louisville home where they enjoy the smell of freshly roasted coffee and the sight of ethnic diversity in neighbors, restaurants, and shops.

## Lexington Fair Housing Staff

### **Arthur Crosby**, *Executive Director*

Art's primary responsibilities include initiating community outreach programs and overseeing legal staff in filing complaints. Prior to this, he focused his practice on housing issues and landlord/tenant law. Art has taught for the National Business Institute and lectures to both landlords and tenants on a regular basis. He is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, State Bar of Georgia, and the Florida Bar.

Art received his B.S. degree in journalism with honors from the University of Florida. He earned his J.D. degree (magna cum laude) from the University of Georgia School of Law, where he was a member of the Georgia Chapter of the Order of the Coif.

### **Shayla D. Lynch**, *Assistant Director*

In addition to assisting victims of housing discrimination, Shayla also reviews testing conducted by the Council to detect discrimination in housing rental and sales, is in charge of all bookkeeping functions at the agency, and handles all design and construction cases at the Council.

Shayla is a proud native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and is a 1997 graduate of Hopkinsville High School. She is a 2001 graduate of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Government. She is also a 2004 graduate of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville, where she earned a Juris Doctorate degree.

Shayla is involved in several professional and community organizations throughout Lexington, Kentucky, including the Lexington Urban League Young Professionals (Membership Chair 2004 – 2006), the Lexington Central Kentucky Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (3rd Vice President 2005 – 2006; 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Correspondence Secretary 2006 – 2008; President 2008 – 2010; Treasurer 2010 – 2012), and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Social Action Co-Chair 2011 – Present).

### **Kyle Chafin**, *Programs Coordinator*

Kyle's primary responsibilities include administering the agency's testing program, recruiting volunteers, conducting educational trainings for landlords and tenants, and assisting limited English proficient persons with their complaints of housing discrimination.

Kyle has been an active board member of the Migrant Network Coalition since 2009. Currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Migrant Network Coalition, she works with both private and public organizations, and individuals, to address and meet the wide range of needs of the diverse immigrant communities across the state of Kentucky.

Kyle received her B.A. in Spanish from the University of Kentucky in 2009 and serves as a certified Spanish/English interpreter for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Service.

### **Drew Bowling**, *xx*

Drew has been the xx at the Lexington Fair Housing Council since May 2015. In this role, Drew initiates investigations into allegations of housing discrimination the agency receives residents throughout Kentucky. His focus includes but is not limited to gathering evidence and documents to support the allegations, filing complaints on behalf of clients with HUD and local human rights commissions, and providing advocacy for clients throughout the complaint processes. When possible,  
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Drew is also proactive with educating Kentucky residents about their fair housing rights by leading workshop groups on strategies to protect those rights, creating media to distribute so tenants and housing providers better understand fair housing rights and responsibilities, and promoting important fair housing information through various social media outlets. Within the LFHC organization, Drew has implemented multiple changes to help LFHC keep up with the times.

He graduated from the University of Kentucky with bachelor's degrees in psychology and English literature with a minor in women studies. He is currently enrolled in the University of Kentucky College of Social Work's master's program and expects to earn his degree in May 2018. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers as well as the Kentucky chapter for the National Association of Social Workers. Drew also enjoys graphic design projects and family dog walks.

**Kelsey DuLaney, AmeriCorps Member**

Kelsey DuLaney is the resident AmeriCorps Member for the 2017-2018 year. A native of Louisville, she graduated from the University of Kentucky (cum laude) with a bachelor's degree in anthropology and Spanish with a minor in gender and women's studies. Kelsey's primary responsibilities at the Lexington Fair Housing Council include initial intakes and referrals. Aside from eradicating discrimination in housing, Kelsey's interests include rehabilitation counseling and working with youth. She is currently enrolled at the University of Kentucky as a master's student in anthropology.