

How to Get Involved Panel: Careers in Government

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

2:30-3:30 p.m.

<https://tulane.zoom.us/j/4761466075>

Moderator:

Sally J. Kenney, Executive Director, Newcomb Institute and Newcomb College Endowed Chair Professor

Sally J. Kenney has served as director of the Newcomb Institute and held the Newcomb endowed chair since 2010. She is a faculty member in the Political Science Department and an affiliated faculty member in the law school. Her research interests include sexual assault on campus, women's imprisonment, women and leadership, gender and judging, judicial selection, feminist social movements, women and electoral politics, the European Court of Justice, exclusionary employment policies, and pregnancy discrimination. Her latest book is *Gender and Justice: Why Women in the Judiciary Really Matter*.

Panelists:

Ashley Shelton, Executive Director of the POWER Coalition for Equity and Justice

Ashley K. Shelton is the Founder, President, and CEO of the Power Coalition, a statewide 501c3 table in Louisiana. The Power Coalition uses a broad-based strategy that combines community organizing, issue advocacy, and civic action all while increasing the capacity of community organizations throughout the state to sustain and hold the work. She also was the former Vice President of Programs at the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF), now the Foundation for Louisiana.

LaKia Williams, Newcomb alumna Class of 2021, Newcomb Scholar, Digital Organizer SisterSong

LaKia received her B.S. in Neuroscience with a minor in Africana Studies from Tulane University in May 2021. She is an aspiring abortion provider and works in the Reproductive Justice movement as the Digital Organizer for SisterSong: The National Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective and as the Communications Coordinator for the Reproductive Justice Action Collective. Post-graduation LaKia plans to continue organizing for Reproductive Justice before attending medical school.

Lauren Jardell, Director of Local Government and Community Relations

Lauren handles Tulane's interactions with officials of the City of New Orleans, community and neighborhood organizations, and other non-governmental agencies. Prior to joining Tulane, Lauren was Vice President of Government Relations at Sabiston Consultants where she served as the federal and municipal government liaison for more than twenty clients. She previously played a key role in the

management of the successful 2010 campaign to elect New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. She also served as the director of operations for Louisiana Media Services as projects coordinator for the Office of U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu.

The Honorable Nadine Ramsey, Judge Ramsey, former member of the New Orleans City Council and retired Chief Justice Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Division "J"

Former, District "C" Councilmember Nadine M. Ramsey represented the largest and most diverse district in New Orleans, which includes Algiers, the French Quarter, Treme, Bywater, and Marigny. Nadine served as Judge for Orleans Parish Civil District Court from 1997-2009. She was elected by her colleagues Chief Judge in 2007 and 2008. Before being elected Judge, she ran her own law firm for nine years gaining a wealth of knowledge in small business operations and learning the importance of small businesses to New Orleans. Councilmember Ramsey attended Newcomb College where she earned a B.A. in Political Science. After earning her bachelor's, Councilmember Ramsey attended Cornell University Law School where she won the American Jurisprudence Prize for Constitutional Law and earned her Juris Doctor Degree from Tulane University Law School. From there she launched a career rooted in public advocacy and service.

The Honorable Joy Lobrano, Judge for the 2nd District of the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal

Joy currently serves as a judge on the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, Second District, Division A. She was elected in 2010 and took the bench in 2012. She serves as a chairperson for the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, the Co-Founder and Former President, Executive Director, and Chair of Board of Director of the C.A.R.E Center ("Counseling/Community Coordination, Assessment/Advocacy, Resources/Referrals, Early Intervention") and Founding Member of Board of Directors of the Eden House, Inc., a two-year long-term residential program which offers a holistic approach to recovery and restorative care including outreach, housing, food, mental and physical healthcare, job training, education, legal services, and spiritual support for survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.