



# EDUCATION, JUSTICE & ETHICS Matters

Topics That Enlighten Minds.



The Judge AW Center has spent the past ten years developing programs, policy forums, and partnerships focused on education, justice and ethics. We invite you to join us in expanding our reach and impact.

We have ambitious plans, and we know the most critical step is continuing to build an incredible team that embodies our values and embodies the passion to make a difference. Our team is made up of researchers, dreamers and doers. We are people committed to education, equity and justice.

## Our Mission, Approach and Values

### OUR MISSION

The Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. Center for Education, Justice & Ethics develops comprehensive solutions to the prevailing ethical questions and systemic challenges posed by growing structural inequities that increase disparities.

### OUR APPROACH

Such challenges disproportionately impact historically disadvantaged and marginalized communities—denying the civil rights and human dignity of those most vulnerable in ways that threaten to rend the very fabric of our democracy.

Through our signature programs, strategic initiatives, applied research projects, and advocacy for ethical public policy reforms, the Judge AW Center strives to advance social justice as thought leaders dedicated to addressing ethical dilemmas confronting our communities, our country, and future generations.

### OUR VALUES

**Teamwork** – We know that change doesn't happen overnight. And that's why we are always connecting with seasoned partners here and around the region. We are all better together.

**Humility** – This work requires a mix of being a lion and other days a lamb. Our humility as a team calls us to be attentive to the voice of others and not just our own.

**Integrity** – We value the power of being ethical and leading the way for the next generation of leaders. The best solutions happen when we bring every voice to the table.

**Fearlessness** – Inspired by the work of Dr. Pines and the University's call to be fearless. We are not afraid to take risks, and not have all the answers .

**Stewardship** – The Center is here because of a very loyal group of champions and donors . They have inspired us to take on unconventional ideas and perspectives. We are a team that will be the first to roll up our sleeves and work hard.



# The Center is Expanding Its Efforts and Moving to P.S. 103



Here is a glance at our areas of focus. Starting with gun violence research. Led by Joel and Kim Feller Endowed Professor of African American Studies and Anthropology,

Dr. Joseph Richardson. Dr. Richardson was recently selected as the new Mpower Professor and recognized for addressing one of the most pressing issues of our time. He will take his research to the heart of West Baltimore.

Given the complexity of understanding the root cause of gun violence in Baltimore and beyond, health and wellness conversations are often missing, but not for long because of the groundbreaking work of Dr. Stephan Thomas. Dr. Thomas, Professor of Health Policy and Management and Director, Maryland Center for Health Policy. He is one of the nation's

leading scholars in the effort to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities and has applied his expertise to address a variety of conditions from Black communities and other communities of color generally face poorer outcomes.

President Biden recognized the program Dr. Thomas founded HAIR (Health Advocates Inreach and Research) the barber shop initiative. This innovative initiative has won national attention and will be brought to P.S. 103 and other groundbreaking health initiatives.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOT CAMP



The Center will continue its signature **The Social Justice Book Camp** program that is designed to empower high school students to Build A Brighter Future.

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For additional information about the Social Justice Boot Camp, please contact **Karen Bond** at [kybond@umd.edu](mailto:kybond@umd.edu) or visit us online at [www.judgeawcenter.umd.edu](http://www.judgeawcenter.umd.edu)