I Am Trayvon Martin: Hoodies Up
How One Case Changed a Nation & Ignited the World

“I Am Trayvon Martin” became the battle cry for a whole new generation seeking social justice. However, this new call to arms is not just about race. Anyone can be a target to dangers, tragedies and abuse of basic human rights. As the attorney on the forefront of this widely-followed case, Rand will share her legal experience, use of the media to further a social justice cause, and her experience as a professor that encouraged her students to work side by side on her case and launch what became an international movement. Rand’s students under her tutelage coined the phrase, “I Am Trayvon Martin.” From her students lips to President Obama’s ears, upon the announcement of the not guilty verdict, the President of the United States stood by the family and said, “I too Am Trayvon.”

Jasmine Rand is a champion for civil and human rights – the National Bar Association recognized Rand one of the Nation’s Best Advocates Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 in the United States. Jasmine Rand is a professor, national legal analyst, international legal consultant, lecturer, columnist and civil rights leader. She is also the founding attorney of RAND LAW, L.L.C., a Miami-based civil litigation firm. She is currently involved in police brutality cases throughout the nation from the LAPD to the NYPD. In addition to networks such as, CNN, MSNBC, HLN and Fox, Rand also appears on numerous international networks in Jamaica, Colombia and Japan.

Rand is an active law professor and has performed legal analyst work throughout the world. Most recently, Rand guest lectured at Harvard Law on Stand Your Ground laws, at University Mohammed V law school in Rabat, Morocco, and the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. In January 2014, Rand traveled to the Kingdom of Morocco to assist the King and Supreme Court Justices on implementing international human rights standards throughout its judicial system. Most recently, Rand developed curriculum on the Trayvon Martin case and taught a course at the University of Miami School of Law, which included innovative topics such as music as an instrument of social change with an emphasis of Bob Marley’s influence on human rights leaders. Known to her students as “the street professor” Rand encourages them to challenge the system in the courtroom and through social justice movements.

Among other accomplishments, Rand was the National Chair of the Human Trafficking Task Force of the National Bar Association; worked with the Southern Poverty Law Center on Immigrant Justice Project and human trafficking issues; and, recently accepted a position as visiting lecturer on Human Rights at Harvard.
Monday — April 27

STEM Lecture Hall
Preliminary rounds — 1:00-2:30 PM and 3:00-4:30 PM
Final Judging rounds — 5:00-6:00 PM
The competition will be conducted through tournament-style judging of the best three-minute live presentation of thesis research. People’s Choice voting throughout.

Faculty Book Event
3:00 – 4:30 PM, Library 108
10 Kean faculty who have authored or co-authored recently published books will participate in a “Meet the Author” event

Tuesday — April 28

Faculty Presentations
A total of 17 Kean University faculty presentations are scheduled on Tuesday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the STEM building. A wide range of topics in Education, Science, Humanities, Visual Arts and Social Sciences will be discussed. The entire campus community is invited to attend these presentations. A detailed schedule can be found at:
http://orsp.kean.edu/research_day/Faculty_Presentations.html

Design Forum 2015—Faculty Presentations 12:30—3:30 PM, GL 406
Denise Anderson, Rose Gonnella, Ed Johnston, Robin Landa, Alan Robbins
Students’ work will be on display in the 1st floor lobby exhibit space

Faculty Panel: After Genocide—Justice? 2:30—4:00 PM, STEM 308
Dr. Frank Esposito, Dr. Sue Gronewold, Dr. Brid Nicholson and Dr. Keith Nunes will explore what happens in the aftermath of genocide: how, if, and when is justice ever really served?

Assessment Institute Poster Session— 3:00—4:00 PM, STEM 4th floor
8 faculty will present updates on assessment related topics originally presented at the Kean Assessment Institute in January.

2015 Faculty Research Mentor of the Year
Dr. Elizabeth Hyde is associate professor and assistant chair of the Department of History. She has proven to be a great student research mentor in her support of student research over the past few years. Dr. Hyde guided the research of four Kean students last year into Nancy Thompson’s World War II letters collection. Their work brought all of them to the nation’s capital to be honored by the highly selective “Posters on the Hill” program. The Council on Undergraduate Research has hosted “Posters on the Hill” each spring since 1996.

Dr. Elizabeth Hyde
Wednesday—April 29

Student Poster Presentations: 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

This year over 350 Kean University students are presenting their research or creative projects during Research Days. They were mentored by 77 different Kean University faculty members. Plan to spend some time at the poster sessions and listening to their oral presentations on Wednesday, April 29, to gain an appreciation of the variety of exciting research activities and creative work being done by Kean University students.

Student Oral Presentations: 8:30 AM — 4 PM

Psy.D. Dissertation Symposium — 9:00 – 11:00 AM, STEM 308
Research & Technology Showcase — 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, CAS Lobby
Awards Presentations—Student Research and 3MT — 11:30 AM, STEM Atrium

RBSD Student Research Panel — 2:00 – 4 PM, STEM 324
Holocaust and Genocide Graduate Panel — 3:15 – 4:15 PM, STEM 501
Ed.D. Student Research Panel — 4:30—5:30 PM, STEM 317

Early Childhood Graduate Colloquium — 5:00 – 7:00 PM, 6th Floor, STEM

Student Research Awards 2015

Undergraduate Researcher of the Year
Design Fundamentals Book Series

Max Friedman, Senior, Graphic Design
Faculty Mentors: Rose Gonnella and Robin Landa

Graduate Researcher of the Year
The Emotion Regulation Intervention for Children (ERIC)

Alisha C. Thom, M.A., Combined School and Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program
Faculty Mentors: Adrienne Garro and Aaron Gubi
Schedule of Events

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1:00 – 6:00 PM  STEM Lecture Hall  3MT Thesis Competition
                Preliminary rounds — 1:00-2:30 PM and 3:00-4:30 PM
                Final Judging rounds — 5:00-6:00 PM

3:00 – 4:30 PM  Library 108  Faculty Book Event

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

10:00 – 11:00 AM STEM Lecture Hall  Keynote: Jasmine Rand, Founder of RAND LAW, L.L.C. & Represented the Trayvon Martin Family

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM STEM 307, 324, 415  Faculty Research Presentations

12:30—3:30 PM  GL 406  Design Forum 2015—Faculty Presentations

2:30 – 4:00 PM  STEM 308  Graduate Faculty Panel: After Genocide—Justice?

3:00 – 4:00 PM  STEM 4th Floor  Assessment Institute Poster Session

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