



NASJE 2026 Annual Conference

Athens, Georgia

September 27-30, 2026 | UGA Center for Continuing Education Conference & Hotel
Education in Service of Justice & Liberty

★ Plenary / Featured	Breakout A	Breakout B	Breakout C
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Sunday, September 27, 2026		
Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Past Presidents' Meeting	
3:30 - 5:00 PM	New Professionals Meet & Greet	Organized by New Professionals Committee (NPC)
4:00 - 5:00 PM	State Directors' Meeting	
5:30 - 7:00 PM	★ Welcome Reception – Conference Begins!	
7:30 - 9:30 PM	★ Exploring Justice in Films & Poetry	Lee Ann Barnhardt, ND; Joseph Sawyer, IL

Monday, September 28, 2026			
Time	Track	Session Title	Speaker(s)
8:00 - 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ Georgia on My Mind: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Justice, and Civil Rights Today	Michael Roosevelt, Retired; others TBD
Breakouts 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<i>Breakout A</i>	Georgia On My Mind (Cont'd.)	
	<i>Breakout B</i>	Leadership KSAs and the Benefits of Asking Questions	Janet Cornell, Consultant
	<i>Breakout C</i>	Level Up: Gamification	Aaron Burdick, IL
12:00 - 1:00 PM		★ Sponsors' Lunch	
Breakouts 1 PM - 2:15 PM	<i>Breakout A</i>	Pitch Perfect Education: The Pitch, Priority, and Production of a Dedicated Week of Focused Education	Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, CT
	<i>Breakout B</i>	Critical Thinking, Curiosity, and Charisma in the Age of AI	Jamie Giani, Fed. Crts.
	<i>Breakout C</i>	The Planning Circle, Needs Assessment, and Development of Goals	Joseph Sawyer, IL; William Brunson, Consultant
Breakouts 2:30 - 3:45 PM	<i>Breakout A</i>	How to Get Better at Your Job: Creative Professional Development for the Judicial Branch Educator	Dot Keil, OH; Amanda Clark, MI
	<i>Breakout B</i>	Nebraska Judicial Leadership Academy: Helping Judges Think Systematically About Emerging Issues	Kelli Wood, NB
	<i>Breakout C</i>	Adult Learning Theory: Distinguishing How Adults Learn & Learning Objectives - Focusing Educational Presentations	Joseph Sawyer, IL; William Brunson, Consultant
4:00 - 5:30 PM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ Keynote – “Lead Simply”	Holly Hoffman, Survivor
6:00 - 8:30 PM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ NASJE Sponsored Social-TBD	Organized by NPC

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Time	Track	Session Title	Speaker(s)
7:30 - 8:30 AM		Breakfast	
Breakouts 8:30 - 9:45 AM	<i>Breakout A</i>	Rethinking Neglect: Considering the Impact of Poverty Bias in the Courts	<i>Princess Darnell, Consultant</i>
	<i>Breakout B</i>	ANCHOR-Training in the Attention Economy	<i>Jamie Giani, Fed. Crts.</i>
	<i>Breakout C</i>	Learning Activities - Making Learning Interactive	<i>William Brunson, Consultant</i>
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ Welcome from GA Supreme Court Justice Verda Colvin; ★ “Open Space” Participant-Centered Learning Experience	<i>Stephanie Hemmert, Federal Judicial Center</i>
12:00 - 1:00 PM		Members Lunch	
1:00 - 4:00 PM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ ELO – Security and the Courts	
5:30 - 8:00 PM		NPC Social Dinner Options	<i>Organized by NPC</i>

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Time	Track	Session Title	Speaker(s)
8:00 - 9:00 AM		Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:15 AM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ Closing Remarks/Swearing In	
9:15 - 10:30 AM	<i>Plenary</i>	★ Plenary-Unsabotage Your Organization	<i>Jamie Giani, Fed. Crts.</i>
Breakouts 10:45 AM- 12:00 PM	<i>Breakout A</i>	Art & Adage to Creating a Learning Organization	<i>Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, CT</i>
	<i>Breakout B</i>	Communicating Effectively	<i>Aaron Burdick, IL</i>
	<i>Breakout C</i>	The Social Determinants of Health and the Judiciary: Intervening with Fines and Fees	<i>Lisa Foster; Alisa Lincoln-Salus Populi</i>