



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 President's Meeting	
3:30 - 5:00 PM	New Professionals Meet & Greet	Organized by New Professionals Committee (NPC)
4:00 - 5:00 PM	State Director's Meeting	
5:30 - 7:00 PM	★ Welcome Reception – Conference Begins!	
7:30 - 10:00 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	Plenary	★ 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	Breakout A	Georgia On My Mind (Cont'd.)	
	Breakout B	Leadership Through Strategic Questioning	Janet Cornell, Consultant
	Breakout C	Level Up: Gamification	Aaron Burdick, IL
12:00 - 1:00 PM		★ Sponsors' Lunch	
Breakouts 1:00 PM-2:15 PM	Breakout A	Pitch Perfect Education: Dedicated Week of Focused Education	Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, CT
	Breakout B	Critical Thinking in Age of AI	Jamie Giani, Fed. Crts.
	Breakout C	Learning Style Inventory – Defining How Adults Learn	Joseph Sawyer, IL
Breakouts 2:30 PM-3:45 PM	Breakout A	How to Get Better at Your Job: Creative Professional Development for the Judicial Branch Educator	Dot Keil, OH; Amanda Clark, MI
	Breakout B	Emerging Issues: Leadership Academy for Judges	Kelli Wood, NB
	Breakout C	Adult Learning Theory: Distinguishing How Adults Learn & Learning Objectives - Focusing Educational Presentations	Joseph Sawyer, IL; William Brunson, Consultant
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Plenary	★ Keynote-Holly Hoffman	Holly Hoffman, Survivor
6:00 - 8:30 PM	Plenary	★ NASJE Sponsored Social	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>	Poverty Bias in 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	Plenary	★ Welcome from GA Supreme Court Justice Verda Colvin; ★ OPEN SPACES	
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM		Members Lunch	
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Plenary	★ Security ELO	
5:30 - 8:00 PM		NPC Social Dinner Options (<i>Note: Pay your own way</i>)	<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	Plenary	★ Closing Remarks/Swearing In	
9:15 - 10:30 AM	Plenary	★ 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 Org	<i>Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, CT</i>
	<i>Breakout B</i>	Communicating Effectively	<i>Aaron Burdick, IL</i>
	<i>Breakout C</i>	Educating JO Fines & Fees	<i>Alisa Lincoln-Salus Populi</i>

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