



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	Plenary	★ Georgia on My Mind: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Justice, and Civil Rights Today	Dr. Carol Anderson, Emory University; Michael Roosevelt, Maat Consulting; Giam Nguyen, CA
Breakouts 10:45 AM-12:00 PM	Breakout A	Georgia Still on My Mind: Reflective Journaling for Judicial Educators	Lee Ann Barnhardt, ND; Giam Nguyen, CA; Michael Roosevelt, Maat Consulting; Joseph Sawyer, IL
	Breakout B	Leadership KSAs & the Benefits of Asking Questions	Janet Cornell, Consultant
	Breakout C	Level Up Learning: Gamification Strategies for Engaging Judicial Education	Aaron Burdick, IL
12:00 - 1:00 PM		★ Sponsors' Lunch	
Breakouts 1:00 PM-2:15 PM	Breakout A	Pitch Perfect Education: The Pitch, Priority, & Production of a Dedicated Week of Focused Education	Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, CT
	Breakout B	Critical Thinking, Curiosity, & Charisma in the Age of AI	Jamie Giani, Third Branch Solutions
	Breakout C	The Planning Circle, Needs Assessment, and Development of Goals	Joseph Sawyer, IL; William Brunson, Esq., Consultant
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	Nebraska Judicial Leadership Academy: Helping Judges Address Emerging Issues Systemically	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-Lead Simply: Model. Connect. Involve.	Holly Hoffman, Survivor
6:00 - 8:30 PM	Plenary	★ NASJE Social – Georgia Museum of Art	Organized by Conference Comm.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026			
Time	Track	Session Title	Speaker(s)
7:30 - 8:30 AM		Breakfast	
Breakouts 8:30 - 9:45 AM	Breakout A	Rethinking Neglect: Considering the Impact of Poverty Bias in the Courts	Princess Darnell, Darnell Adaptive Consulting
	Breakout B	ANCHOR-Training in the Attention Economy	Jamie Giani, Third Branch Solutions
	Breakout C	Learning Activities - Making Learning Interactive	Joseph Sawyer, IL; William Brunson, Consultant
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Plenary	★ Welcome from Georgia Supreme Court ★ OPEN SPACES Participant-centered Learning Experience	
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Plenary	★ OPEN SPACES Participant-centered Learning Experience	Stephanie Hemmert, Federal Judicial Center
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM		Members Lunch/Business Meeting	
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Plenary	★Experiential Learning Opportunity: Security & the Courts	Stan Cooper, Director of Judicial Protective Services for the Supreme Court & Court of Appeals; Jeffrey L. Clark, UGA Chief of Police; John Heinen, UGA Director of Emergency Preparedness; James E. Williamson, UGA Strategic Initiatives; Adam David Fouche, UGA Associate Vice President, Environmental Safety, Risk & Resiliency;
		Dinner on Your Own	

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	Jamie Giani, Third Branch Solutions
Breakouts 10:45 AM- 12:00 PM	Breakout A	The Art & Adage to Creating a Learning Organization	Janice Calvi-Ruimerman, CT
	Breakout B	Communicating Effectively	Aaron Burdick, IL
	Breakout C	The Social Determinants of Health & the Judiciary: Intervening with Fines & Fees	Lisa Foster, Salus Populi; Alisa Lincoln, Salus Populi

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