

**PISGAH LEGAL'S 10th ANNUAL  
JUSTICE FORUM WITH**

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**Clint Smith, Ph.D.**

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**POET • WRITER • EDUCATOR**



**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 1, 2020**

# PROGRAM

## **Welcome**

Bill Wolcott - Board President, Pisgah Legal Services;  
Attorney, Ward and Smith, P.A.

## **Keynote Address**

Clint Smith, Ph.D.

## **Discussion**

Latoya Gardner - Co-director of the Equity, Diversity and  
Inclusion Program; Community Economic Development Educator;  
Expunction Project Coordinator, Pisgah Legal Services

## **Closing Remarks**

Jorge Redmond - Board Member, Pisgah Legal Services;  
Assistant District Attorney, Buncombe County

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Clint Smith uses his experience as an award-winning teacher and poet to share personal stories of justice, community, and education. He illuminates how we can all find the courage to create change, overcome challenges, and unite ourselves through the power of the collective voice.

His two TED Talks, [The Danger of Silence](#) and [How to Raise a Black Son in America](#), have been viewed more than seven million times. He was named to the 2018 *Forbes* 30 Under 30 list as well as *Ebony Magazine's* 2017 Power 100 list.

Smith is a 2014 National Poetry Slam champion, an Individual World Poetry Slam Finalist, a Cave Canem Fellow, a Callaloo Fellow, and has served as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. Department of State.

His first full-length collection of poetry, *Counting Descent*, won the 2017 Literary Award for Best Poetry Book from the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and was a finalist for an NAACP Image Award. His other writing has been published in *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *Boston Review*, *American Poetry Review*, *Harvard Educational Review*, and he recently joined *The Atlantic* as a staff writer.

Smith earned his Ph.D. in Education at Harvard University, a B.A. in English from Davidson College and is an alumnus of the New Orleans Public School System.



# NAVIGATING HARD TIMES IS WHAT WE DO BEST

Preventing Homelessness  
**STOPPING UNFAIR EVICTIONS  
AND FORECLOSURES**



HOUSING

Ending Domestic Violence  
**PROTECTIVE ORDERS, DIVORCE,  
CHILD CUSTODY, PROPERTY**



SAFETY

Providing Health Care  
**SIGNING FOLKS UP FOR ACA  
INSURANCE**



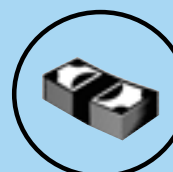
HEALTH

Offering Legal Advice  
**ANSWERING IMPORTANT  
QUESTIONS ONLINE/BY PHONE**



INFORMATION

Securing Basic Income  
**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE,  
SOCIAL SECURITY, DISABILITY, SNAP**



BENEFITS



# CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND REMOVING BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Pisgah Legal's Community Economic Development (CED) Program provides technical assistance, legal expertise, and education for projects, organizations, and public policy initiatives that promote economic inclusivity and equitable development.



## Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust

The [newly formed community-based nonprofit](#) that creates permanently affordable housing has made a great deal of progress in the past year: hiring its first executive director, purchasing its first home and forming numerous partnerships with nonprofit affordable developers.

PLS has championed this new nonprofit from its beginning and continues to assist in negotiating funding agreements with the City of Asheville.



## Beloved Village

[Beloved Asheville](#), a grassroots organization with four staff and hundreds of volunteers, is developing a 12-home community made up of tiny homes built by volunteers.

These homes will house the formerly homeless, helping to address health and racial disparities exacerbated by housing instability.

Pisgah Legal has advised them on program design and legal structure.



## YMI Cultural Center, Inc.

When the [YMI](#) decided to create an incubation program for businesses owned by people of color, Pisgah Legal supported them with guidance in program design to secure \$175,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding.

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# HOW YOU CAN STAND FOR JUSTICE

**Here are action steps you can take  
to make our community stronger.**

**VOTE:** [Click HERE](#) to use this easy form from our friends at Democracy NC to check your voter registration, sign a pledge to vote and encourage your friends to vote.

## **SUPPORT BLACK, INDIGENOUS, & PEOPLE OF COLOR BUSINESSES:**

**Yoruba** is a grassroots Black-owned [business directory](#) with the intention of encouraging community members to contribute by taking responsibility and action for the local communities of color.

**ADVOCATE:** Amplify your voice. [Subscribe to Pisgah Legal's newsletter](#) to keep up to date on action alerts and opportunities.

**LEARN:** [Anti-Racism Listening & Reading:](#) A listing of books, articles, podcasts, films and organizations to follow to increase your education on racism and its effects.

[Building Bridges:](#) Hosts two nine-week educational sessions each year focusing on black-and-white racism in Asheville, incorporating experiential learning and small groups discussion.

[Racial Equity Institute \(REI\):](#) An alliance of trainers, organizers and institutional leaders who help individuals and organizations develop tools to challenge patterns of power and grow equity.





# LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

On average, Pisgah Legal receives **1,000 calls a week** from people struggling to make ends meet and economically survive the pandemic.

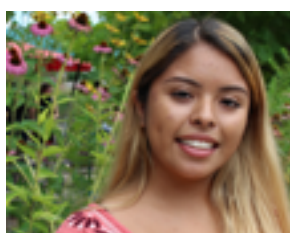
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# Legal Aid to Help People Through COVID-19 and Tough Times



*Pisgah Legal Services provides free legal services for non-criminal issues to people struggling to make ends meet in Western North Carolina.*

## We provide assistance with:



North Carolina **unemployment benefits**



**Public benefits**-including Medicaid, food stamps (SNAP), and disability income



Applying for and maintaining **health insurance**



Help managing **bills/debt** and protection from creditors



**Help for renters** - including preventing homelessness & evictions and ensuring safe housing conditions



Home foreclosure assistance



Assistance with **domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault** issues



**Immigration law**

## How to Get Help from Pisgah Legal Services

Call our office: 828-253-0406 or 1-800-489-6144

Apply online at [www.pisgahlegal.org](http://www.pisgahlegal.org)

Get health insurance assistance: 828-210-3404

Get rental assistance: is 828-237-7246 Ext. 246