

ACEH to hear Benson

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Holland, MI —

Jocelyn Benson, an election law expert and educator, will speak at the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony meeting Friday, about "Equal Justice under the Law and the Vote." The public is invited to the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Center for Women in Transition, 411 Butternut Drive.

Now an assistant professor of law at Wayne State University, Benson formerly worked at the Southern Poverty Law Center, Montgomery, Ala., as an investigative journalist researching white supremacist and neo-Nazi organizations. "My aim is to eliminate barriers to voting and ensure the one person, one vote promise in the Constitution is a reality," she said. From 2002-2004, she served as the Voting Rights Policy Coordinator of the Harvard Civil Rights Project, where she worked on the passage of the federal Help America Vote Act. In 2007 and 2008, she developed and supervised two statewide nonpartisan election protection efforts in Michigan. She recently announced her candidacy for Secretary of State in Michigan.

Benson earned a master's degree as a Marshall Scholar at Oxford University in the United Kingdom and is a graduate of Harvard Law School.